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Govt Rushes Division To Upper Yangtse Port IMPORTANT MISSION

Shanghai, February 12.

The Nationalist 60th Division, rushed from the Hankow area, arrived in the upper Yangtse port of Ichang today to help the city's garrison to suppress rioting by unruly soldiers and prepare for the battle against the fast advancing Communist forces, according to the latest Chinese despatches reaching here from Chungking.

Gold Yuan At 1,900 To One U.S.\$

Shanghai, February 12. China's inflated gold yuan currency hit new depths today with another sensational decline, as the public's loss of confidence continued to grow. The United States dollar soared to the new record of 1,900 gold yuan, from the opening rate of 1,600. The price of rice leapt from 950,000 to 170 pounds to 1,200,000. Foreseeing possible labour unrest, as a result of the skyrocketing price of rice and other essential commodities, General Tang En-po, Garrison Commander of the Shanghai-Hangchow-Nanking area, has emphatically reiterated the "no strike" provision in the martial law measures, and threatened severe punishment for any one violating this rule.—Reuter.

U.S. To Aid S. China Defences?

Sacramento, California, February 12.

A possibility that the U.S. will soon abandon its "hands-off" policy in the Chinese civil war was indicated here yesterday by Senator Owen Brewster, Republican, Maine. The veteran Republican legislator said there are many among Republican Senators and some influential Democrats who favour aiding the Nationalists in mobilising a last-ditch stand in South China.

Senator Brewster, co-chairman of Maine's Republican Policy Committee, was here to address a Sacramento Lincoln Day banquet.

Aid to Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government, he explained, would be in the form of moral and material support.

"But, he continued, the U.S. should not embark on a wholesale war."

He said many people do not realise that if China becomes totally dominated by the Communists, the U.S. will lose a U.S.\$400,000,000 annual business in trade. Senator Brewster attacked the State Department for its handling of the China situation.

He said that if Stalin himself were running the State Department, he could not have done more to aid the Communist cause in China.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0000 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) a depression centred just S of Honshu is deepening and moving ENE. Its associated trough extends through the Japan Straits to Central Indo China. A small anticyclone covers China.

Today's Forecast—Moderate NE winds predominating.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 61.5 deg. F. Minimum 43.0 deg. F. Rainfall 4.3 hours.

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The nearest Communist units are said to be only about 10 miles from the suburbs of the city, which was the scene of rioting and looting by lawless elements in the past 24 hours.

There were still no details today of the terror through which this one-time thriving port passed yesterday, but meagre Chinese press reports said that the Minsung Shipping Company—China's largest inland navigation concern—was badly damaged by rioting crowds and that many of its ships were commandeered by leaderless fleeing troops.

Mass exodus of rich and poor is now reported to be in progress from the city following the departure of General Sun Cheng, Commander of the Szechuan-Hupoh border region, for the Southern bank of the Yangtse further upriver.

There was no news today regarding the situation at the other well known upper Yangtse port of Shui, 75 miles South East, on which some 40,000 Communist troops were last reported to be advancing.

Steamer Off

A National Defence Ministry communiqué identified the Communist forces operating between Ichang and Shui as belonging to General Liu Po-cheng.

Meanwhile, the steamer, Greater Shanghai, flying the flag of the Sino-British Kailash Mining Administration, steamed out of port this morning with a cargo of 30,000 bags of flour for the Communist-held port of Chingwangling, in the initial attempt to inaugurate trade between Nationalists and Communist China.

The departure of the ship followed completion of arrangements between the Kailash Mining Administration and Communist authorities in Tientsin for an exchange of 300,000 bags of flour for 100,000 tons of North China coal, which is badly needed in Shanghai.

If the experimental trip proves a success, other ships will follow Northward with flour and return with coal.

Sailing aboard the Greater Shanghai today were four Communist officials of Shanghai Chinese shipping interests, who will attempt to contact the Communist authorities and arrange for the resumption of regular shipping services between Shanghai and North China ports.

Sources close to General Li Han-yun, newly appointed Commander for Hainan Island, reported today that he is leaving Canton tomorrow on an important mission to Hankow and Nanking.

Hankow Meeting

In Hankow, he will confer with General Pao Ching-hsi, Commander-in-Chief of Central China, and in Nanking he will have talks with President Li Tsung-jen.

The same sources said that General Li will also go to Taiwan and Fukien to meet the Provincial Governors.

General Li will be accompanied by Mr. Lu Hsiang-shan, Secretary General of the Canton Pacification Headquarters and concurrently a member of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

It is said that Mr. Lu will represent both General Yu Han-ming and General Hsiang-shan.

Meanwhile, the Nationalist Army and Provincial military units in Kwangtung are to be strengthened.

When this is completed, there will be a combined force of some 140,000 men.

Hungarian To Be Expelled

Washington, February 11. The United States has demanded the withdrawal as soon as possible of Mr. John G. Florian, First Secretary of the Hungarian Legation here.

The State Department said the Hungarian Legation has been told that Mr. Florian is no longer persona grata in the United States. In the past two weeks Hungary has demanded the withdrawal of two American diplomats.

No reason is given for the demanded withdrawal of Mr. Florian. The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, told reporters it was pure coincidence that his expulsion followed the election of American officials from Budapest in the last two weeks.—Reuter.

FOREIGN OFFICE MAKING INQUIRIES

London, February 12. The Foreign Office said today that the British Embassy in Washington is making inquiries with the State Department regarding the reported change in United States policy toward Japan.—United Press.

Politburo Drive For World Domination

Washington, February 11.

Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, today said that the American people fail to realise that the Russian Politburo is engaged in a powerful drive which threatens them and the entire world.

Speaking before the Congressional Club, an organization of the wives of members of Congress, Mr. Hoffman said he returned from his recent tour of the world with the absolute conviction that an all-out drive is now on by the Russian Politburo for world domination.

The drive is being waged with an intensity and determination that makes Hitler's efforts seem inane by comparison, he said.

"The countries I have visited, the masses of the Russian people, the Russian Government, the Russian Army and Provincial military units in Kwangtung are to be strengthened."

When this is completed, there will be a combined force of some 140,000 men.

Special Plane For HK Visitors To BIF Planned

The Hong Kong British Industries Fair Committee will arrange for a special aircraft to take visitors to the Fair provided there is sufficient support. It was officially stated yesterday.

One of the advantages is that it will be possible to reduce the cost of the fare to England and will probably enable the Committee to obtain a more comfortable aircraft than would be available to the ordinary traveller. The Committee can only proceed with its plans if it knows the number of visitors likely to make use of the facilities it has to offer. The fare to England will not be more than £170 and if a large party of say 30 can be obtained, it will be considerably less, added the statement.

A great deal of detailed planning has to be done in advance, both by the Committee and the Air Line concerned, before such a project can be realised. The Committee must be able to give to the Air Line concerned some idea of the number of passengers who are likely to make use of these special facilities.

Whether the Committee can proceed with this scheme will depend mainly on the number of visitors who intend to proceed in this special aircraft. The party should be not less than 30.

Any person who is proceeding to London about the end of April in time for the BIF which opens on May 2 and who would like to take advantage of the facilities offered by the Hong Kong "BIF Special" should communicate immediately with the Secretaries to the Committee. Mr. J.B. Kitz of the Chamber of Commerce (Tel. 20110) or Mr. J. W. Ferris, Secretary of the Imports and Exports Department (Tel. 30220).

Mops Pipe Up In The Strand



The "Mrs. Mops" of Whitehall, Government office cleaners (Mrs. Mop was the name of a charlady comedienne on the radio) are led by bagpipers as they shoulder their mops and march down the Strand, London. They were demonstrating against the farthing-an-hour rise in pay offered to them by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer. They want a flat rate of two Shillings an hour instead of the one Shilling and 8 pence three farthings they get at present.—AP Photo.

Fission Of China Becoming UN's Biggest Headache

Lake Success, February 12.

The fission of China into Communist and Nationalist camps has today become the United Nations' biggest headache since the fission of the atom.

Many diplomats are wrestling with the problem. What happens if the Communists proclaim a government in China and the Nationalist government holds on to its claim as the country's legal regime?

"Even Albert Einstein won't be able to work that one out," said one useful UN official.

China, recognised at the insistence of the United States as one of the big five powers at San Francisco, holds a permanent seat on the Security Council—and a great power veto. She is also a member of the Trusteeship Council and a member of the Economic and Social Council, not to mention a dozen smaller UN agencies.

If the Communists win complete control and the Nationalist capitulate, the solution would be simple, although doubtless distasteful to the Western powers. China's new Communist government would move into the Council, giving Russia a second veto and a way to rest her own overworked UN veto.

The Chinese Communists also would take over the present government's role in the Council of which China is a member.

The dilemma haunting the UN, however, grows out of the possibility that the Nationalist Government may hold out and thus present it with the tough job of deciding who represents China.

Not So Simple

Some officials fear that the issue would shiver the very foundations of the shaky world organization.

The West, holding an overwhelming majority in the General Assembly, and the rest of its agencies, would be able to vote down the claims of the Chinese Communists. But there are few here who think the solution would be as simple as that.

The choice between a Communist government that controls virtually all China's 4,400,000 square miles and a hold-out Nationalist Government without power would be obvious were it not for the bitter division between Russia and the West. It will be another matter, however, if the Nationalist Government is to be recognised as the legal government of China.

The West, it is believed, would have a difficult time with so much of the world's steel, 85 per cent of the world's shipping and practically all the world's oil.

"Most importantly, because we are a free people, the dictators know only too well that we can out-produce and out-think them," said a policy maker.

Unionist Party Voted Back Into Power In Ulster

Belfast, February 12.

Northern Ireland's Unionist Government Party was voted back into power with an increased majority last night in the "King versus Republic" general election. The final results of Thursday's polling, announced last night were: Unionist 35, Independent Unionist 2, Nationalist 9, Irish Labour 1, Socialist Republican 1.

Results of the postal voting for the four seats of Queen's University, Belfast, which will not be known until February 26, are expected to raise the Government strength to 38 with one seat going to an Independent.

To a milling crowd at a victory parade in County Fermanagh last night, Premier Sir Basil Brooke declared: "No amount of word spinning can alter the fact that Ulster has re-affirmed its allegiance to the King and its faith in the British Commonwealth."

The Prime Minister, who called the election to show Northern Ireland's determination to remain under the Crown after Sir Basil's withdrawal from the British Commonwealth, won his seat in a close fight with a Nationalist candidate.

At the dissolution of the Ulster House of Commons, Sir Basil had a majority of 17.

Sir Basil was returned in his constituency of Lisnakea, County Fermanagh. He polled 5,893 votes against 4,173 for the Nationalist candidate, Mr. John Carron.—Reuter.

The Melbourne Lyton, Arlington, and Harbour View Hotels are asking for the percentage to be reduced from 60 to 50; the Ritz Hotel from 60 to 40; the Ritz Apartments from 70 to 50; Rose Hotel from 80 to 10; and the Melbourne Apartments, Tak Lin Apartments, Lucky Apartments and the Tavern for complete decontrol.

The reason given for the application is that they would be operating at a heavy loss if they have to set aside for resident guests the accommodation prescribed in the Hotel Bill.

The applicants for decontrol state that they are in rented premises and on expiration of their leases they might not be allowed to continue. They would thus lose their entire investment on the furniture and fixtures.

ATTEMPT TO PIRATE LAUNCH

An attempt to pirate the passenger launch Chi Kung on the Tai-po-Shayuchung run was reported to the police yesterday.

The coxswain said that on Friday, at about 1 p.m., as the launch was nearing Shayuchung, four of the passengers were seen handling revolvers round their waists, but seeing a Chinese Maritime Customs launch cruising nearby they took to a passing sampan and made good their escape.

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INQUEST INTO DEATH OF 14-YEAR-OLD BOY

Captured in a haykai raid, a 14-year-old boy leaped to his death from a moving police vehicle while on the way to the station.
Death by misadventure while attempting to escape from lawful police custody was the verdict returned by the coroner, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, when the inquest was held at Kowloon yesterday.

Importance Of Radio On Vessels

An incident which made radio history was recalled yesterday by "Sparks" of ships in the harbour when they heard of the epic sea rescue of a seaman by the President Cleveland.

Forty years ago, two ships collided in bad fog off Waukegan Island. Lightning discharges from the accident's wireless saved practically all the crew and passengers of both vessels.

This resulted in the passing of legislation making wireless sets and operators mandatory for every ship carrying 50 or more passengers.

The drama, which demonstrated the importance of wireless telegraphy as a means of saving life at sea, began when young wireless operator "Sparks" as he was known to his colleagues, broke off a "tote" over the ether with coast stations and flashed out a sudden message over the foggy waters. It meant "All Ships—Danger!" and was the forerunner of the SOS signal used today by all ships.

The incident occurred at 5.30 a.m. on January 23, 1909 in a bad foggy dawn.

A luxury liner, the flagship of the White Star fleet, Republic, was on route to the Mediterranean with more than 600 passengers and supplies for the American Navy. She was shrouded by thick fog.

Off The Beaten Track

To start a long sweep across the Atlantic, the liner coasted a little off the beaten track for liners. Suddenly there began a series of strident howlings and almost simultaneously a huge black form bore down on her. This was the SS Florida.

The iron plates on the port side of the Republic were knifed through to the engine rooms by the sharp prow of the Florida.

The Florida crept close the rammed ship and picked up her passengers, most of whom were in their berths when the accident occurred.

Exactly 40 hours after the collision, the Republic heeled over and sank in 45 fathoms. Only six deaths were reported by both ships.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth represented the police.

The boy was an unlicensed egg vendor. On the morning of January 3, while hawking at Koonchung Street near the market, the police raiding party under Sub-Inspector J. P. Wal-

terence captured him. Unable to escape, he lay on the ground, fighting unconsciously.

SI Waldron examined him and found nothing wrong with him. To be sure, the officer pinched him on the elbow. He opened his eyes and squirmed.

He was lifted into the police vehicle, which was an open lorry. The usual enclosed van, said SI Waldron, was not available, as it was engaged on that day for more important work.

Still unconscious apparently, the boy lay on the floor boards of the lorry near the side boards on the right. A policeman kept guard over him. Two other policemen watched over the seven other hawkers arrested in the raid.

SI Waldron took the seat in the driver's cabin and the lorry drove away along Canton Road towards the Tsimshatsui police station.

Could Not Stop Him

About 10 yards north of Austin Road, the boy suddenly came to life and threw himself over the side of the lorry. The policeman on guard tried to stop him but could only touch his jacket.

A woman hawker on the lorry saw the boy take the leap. Falling on the ground, he was run over by the rear wheels of the lorry.

Shouts and bangings on the roof of the drivers' cabin aroused SI Waldron's attention and he directed the driver to stop immediately.

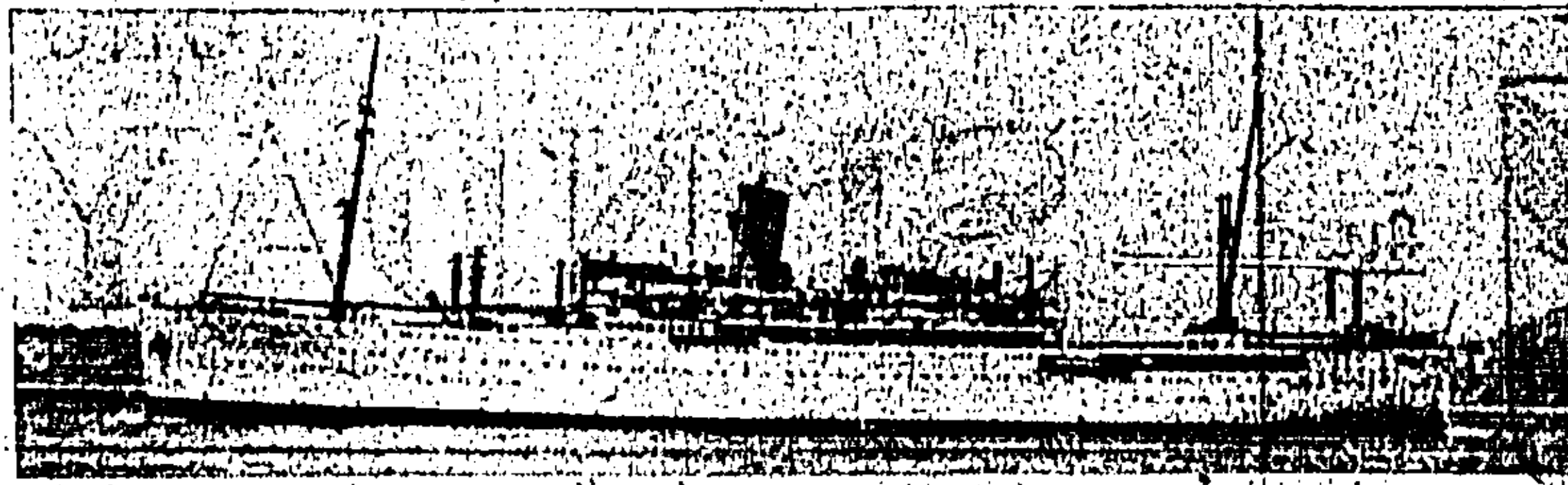
He found the boy lying still on the ground and at once summoned the ambulance and had him taken to the Kowloon Hospital. The boy died that night.

The cause of death, according to the testimony of Dr. C. V. A. Griffith, was due to shock and haemorrhage, consequent on the gross fracturing of the pelvic bones.

DON'T COME BACK, JUDGE SAYS

"If you come back again you will be recommended for banishment," said Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday when he sentenced Yuen Tung-yin, aged 17, to six weeks and ordered him to be expelled for returning to the Colony after having been expelled for a period of five years on July 14, 1947.

Defendant said that he came back to the Colony in order to get some clothing.



After a distinguished war service, the Peninsula and Oriental liner Corfu has been recommissioned and is now en route to Hong Kong to join the P. and O. India-United Kingdom-Far East service, together with the Canton and Carthage. Rebuilt by her original builders, the Corfu has all the modern amenities for comfortable long distance travelling.

Footlights Calling

(By KIMBERLEY)
Terrence Rattigan's comedy-drama, "Flora Path," will be presented by Kai Tak Amateur Dramatic Group on Friday at 8 p.m. in Kai Tak's Empire Theatre.

Douglas Gail, one of the prime movers of theatrical work at Kai Tak, who has helped greatly in its previous successful production, is the producer.

Among the actors in "Flora Path" are Peter Gregory, well known to local theatre goers, especially to followers of the Stage Club, and Joan Blackburn, who made her name in local circles with her "Mrs. Midget" performance in "Outward Bound" last year.

"Flora Path" will have a three-night showing on February 18 (first night), 19 and 20.

About to go on production floor is Len Starbuck's choice of "The Young Mrs. Barrington" for the European YMCA Dramatic Club. Casting meeting arranged last week saw enthusiastic attendance and promising reading.

"Mrs. Barrington" is a play dealing with the various domestic problems in England. There is also sufficient humour to salvage it from being completely "dreary," along with a fair amount of pleasant cynicism.

"Mrs. Barrington" is expected to be presented in the middle of March. Probables in the cast may include Ross Annett, Margaret Sim, Norman Tucker, Olive Starbuck, and Len Wilson (of "Saint Heart" group). Casting will be completed this week after which rehearsals will begin.

The feasibility of admitting poor boys into English public schools is argued successfully in Warren Chatham-Strode's play "The Guinea Pig" to be presented by the Stage Club on March 3, 4 and 5.

In the play, the experiment is put to test when a poor boy enters a prominent English public school and thus becomes known as the guinea pig.

Producing "Guinea Pig" is Phillipa Coombes. This also will be an experiment for the Stage Club as it will be the first time he is directed by a woman. A woman is given the chores of producing and directing.

Phillipa Coombes joined the Stage Club when it was still in its infancy, enjoying the amenities of the Star Theatre in Kowloon. She starred in many of their ambitious productions. Many will remember her best, perhaps, as Lady Upper-Something in Bernard Shaw's play with the aristocrats "Heartbreak House," presented by the Stage Club in the "Star" early in 1947.

Reinaldo Obillas, resting from his recent dual effort as actor-producer in Hong Kong University's "School for Scandal" (Sheridan) will soon be working on Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" for the Stage Club.

The production is planned for April 21, 22, and 23 and is expected to be the Stage Club's classic in the art.

Their pagentry effort of "Everyman" produced in the St. John's Cathedral last year, together with Obillas' rare talents in the arts and craft of the theatre, lend great promise to a successful "Twelfth Night" when it comes off in April.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

Owing to insufficient evidence, one of three soldiers of the RASC, Chan Cheung, was discharged by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday on a charge of demanding money with menaces.

The case concerned Chun Tui-cheung, Hui Cheong and Chan Cheung. They were charged with demanding \$875 with menaces from a prostitute, Wong Choi-fung, in an unnumbered hut in Ship Street, Wan-chai, on December 26 last year.

Further evidence was given by a Chinese detective and Inspector Sui, hearing was adjourned to February 26 at 11.31 a.m.

NAZIS LET OFF

Colonia, February 11. A British military high court today acquitted an appeal by two German Nazis who had been sentenced to death by a British court for killing members of a conspiracy.

The case concerned Mueller and Hans Peter von Winterberg, both of whom were charged with the murder of a British soldier, Captain John G. Williams, against whom a warrant had been issued for his murder.

At the Honary Church yesterday, Miss Maria Dos Remedios became the bride of Mr. Jaime Maria Victor Hugo Marcel.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Marcel and the bride the daughter of Mr. B.A. Remedios.

The ceremony was performed by Mr. Bonifacio Bous, who was assisted by Mr. Bonifacio Bous, who was assisted by Mr. Bonifacio Bous.

Passengers On Corfu For Colony

More than 80 passengers embarked for Hong Kong on the RMS Corfu from the United Kingdom last week.

Corfu, under the command of Mr. C. S. Parker, is due to arrive here on March 8. Passengers disembarking in the Colony follow:

Mr. J. O. Harritt, Mrs. Barrell, Mrs. M.M. Harritt, Mr. J.L. Borer, Mrs. E. Bradley and child, Mr. R.R. Bryant, Colonel V.L. Buckhurst, Dr. H.L. Chan, Mr. Hui-shing Chen, Mrs. Chen and three children, Dr. C.V. Chen, Miss L.G. Chesterton, Miss D.W.C. Chun, Mr. G.H.W. Churchill, Mrs. Churchill, Miss R.M. Cooper, Mr. R.S. Cull, Miss G.M. Cull, Mr. N.Y. Dave and three children, Mr. G.L. Dickson, Mrs. V. Evans, Dr. A.J. Farmer, Miss J.G. Ferguson, Mrs. J.L. Fuller, Mr. G.M. Graham, Mrs. D.E. Grant, Mr. K.J. Hamner, Mr. J.W.H. Harford, Mrs. Harford, Miss C. Hughes, Miss Elizabeth N. James, Mr. A.E. Kew, Mr. George Leong, Miss O.E. Lockwood, Mr. H. Maurer, Mr. Maurer, Mrs. L.L. Maurer and child, Mr. V. Moncaster, Mrs. Moncaster, Miss N. M. Beveridge, Mr. K.A. O'Hagan, Mr. M. Vaughan Palmer, Miss G.M. Peach, Mr. John Reiman, Mr. Redman, Miss E.E.M. Schittkowsky, Miss G. Schittkowsky, Mr. P. Shu and three children, Dr. F.A. Shave, Mrs. Shave, Miss J.C. Smakula, Mr. W.J.L. Smith, Mrs. H.M. Spears and child, Mr. T.P. Styles, Miss M. Budge, Mr. J.P. Sutherland, Mr. Chih-ping Tsai, Mr. H. Tse, Mrs. Infant, Mr. Chieh-cheng Wang, Mr. E.B. White, Miss C. Wilberforce, Mr. C.M. Wolosh, Mr. Y.T. Wong, Mrs. Wong and three children, Mr. H. Wong, Mrs. P.G. Wong.

Adm. Brind Arriving On Friday

Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, who recently succeeded Admiral Sir Denis Boyd as Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, is arriving in Hong Kong in HMS Alert on Friday.

He will remain in Hong Kong until February 25, and will be accompanied by Lady Brind and his step-daughter, Lady Twysden.

Admiral Brind has had wide experience of the Far East and was Captain of HMS Birmingham in 1938 on the China Station, during the Sino-Japanese war.

In 1942 he became Assistant Chief of Naval Staff as a Rear Admiral, and continued to serve at the Admiralty until after the Allied landings in Normandy, which he helped to plan.

He returned to sea as Rear-Admiral Commanding the Fourth Cruiser Squadron, first in the East Indies, and later in the British Pacific Fleet during the final phase of the campaign against Japan. His flagship, HMS Swiftsure, was present in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrendered.

After returning home, Admiral Brind became President of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, in 1946, which appointment he held until returning to his present Far East Command.

During his brief stay in Hong Kong, Admiral Brind will have a very full programme of visits to ships of the Fleet and to Naval establishments, and discussions on Naval matters. Included in the programme will be a ceremonial Seating of the Retired at sunset on February 24.

The Treasurer of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$2,000 from The Canton Overseas Trading Company and Mr. S.J. Walton.

Wong was charged with handing a prisoner a handkerchief and a gold finger ring in the No. 2 Court at Central on Friday.

Defendant denied that she handed over the ring and stated the ring the police found on the prisoner was the property of the prisoner and she was not guilty of handing it to her.

Police Constable Tang Wan-wah in evidence said he definitely saw defendant hand over the handkerchief and the ring.

After reporting the matter to the magistrate, he said, he brought the woman searcher into the cell of the prisoner and on her was found the handkerchief and the ring.

Rear-Admiral Madden Promoted

Rear-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, the Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, has been promoted to Vice-Admiral. It was officially stated yesterday.

As a junior officer, Admiral Madden was a torpedo specialist. He was promoted to Captain in December, 1936, after service on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, and as Commander of HMS Rodney.

On the outbreak of war he was Captain of HMS Egmont, the Anti-Submarine School at Portland, Dorset, and shortly afterwards took command of HMS Birmingham in the Norwegian campaign, the chase of the German battleship Bismarck, and convoy duties in many parts of the world.

In 1942, he was appointed to be Naval Assistant to the Second Sea Lord, and spent more than two-and-a-half years in this post before assuming command of the battleship, HMS Anson. In this ship, Admiral Madden was present at the re-commissioning of the Fleet, under Admiral Harcourt, into Hong Kong in August, 1945.

Promoted to Rear-Admiral and awarded the CBE in January, 1946, he was appointed in March of that year, Deputy Controller of the Navy and Director of Naval Equipment, in which capacity he remained until he took up his appointment as Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, in September, 1946.

He was awarded the CB in the 1948 King's Birthday Honours.

Vice-Admiral Madden will be returning to the Colony in his flagship, HMS Belfast, tomorrow.

Local Estates Left By Residents

Mrs. Elizabeth Doreen Emily Stammers of Chantry Cottage, St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and of 33 Tavistock Square, London, who died at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Hill End, St. Albans, on October 18, 1941, left local estate sworn under \$342,100.00.

An application for resealing certified copy of Probate of her will has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, Barrister at Law, for and on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited.

Local estate, sworn under \$278,800.00, was left by Mr. John Mortimore of West Ford, Ash Mill, South Molton, Devon, who died at Esherby Nursing Home, Barnstable, Devon, on April 19, 1946.

An application for resealing certified copy of his will and a Codicil thereto has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

OPTION OF FINE

This time I will give you the option of fine," said Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday when he fined Fong Ho \$250 for running a massage house without a licence.

The police raided Nos. 48/50 Yuen On Terrace, ground floor at 2.30 a.m. yesterday morning.

For running a massage house at Nos. 24/26 Yuen On Terrace, ground floor, Lau Chai-ying, a woman, was similarly fined.

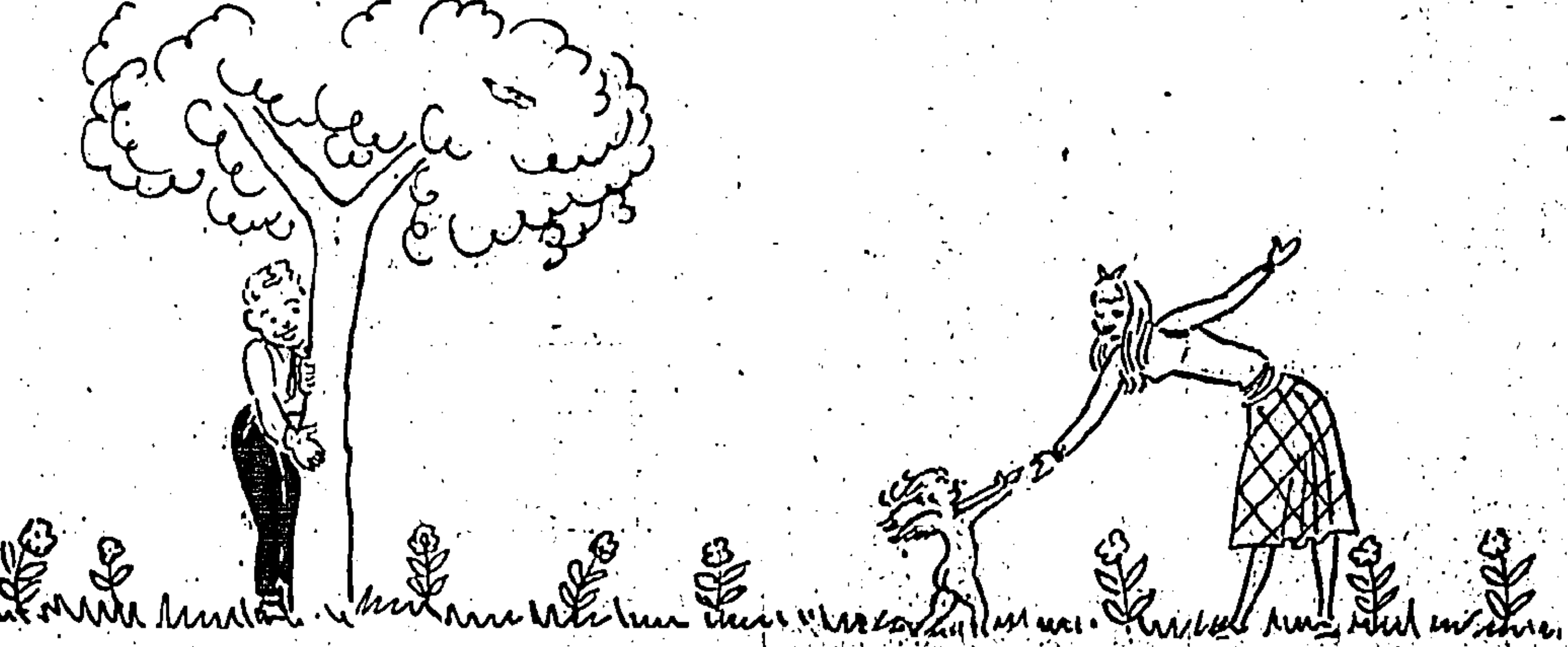
Reminders

Today
Paper Chase, Lokmachau Cross-roads, New Territories, 11.30 a.m.
Classical Concert, Tox H. Club, Talbot House, 30, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club Sketching Party, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
Art Exhibition by Miss Chan Sal-chung, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Talk on "Struggling Players" by Mr. J. Shephard, European YMCA, 8.30 a.m.

Comitia Events
TOMORROW
Lecture on "The use of naval bombardment in support of the Army" China Fleet Club Theatre by HKVDC, 5.30 p.m.
Trooping of the Colours of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, Stanley Town, 11 a.m.
Art Exhibition by Miss Chan Sal-chung, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
HK Rotary Club Luncheon talk on "Reduction" by Mr. F. Harris, "Roof" Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Tox H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 8.30 p.m.
HK Council of Social Services Lecture on "Infant and Child Welfare" by Miss K.S. Burns, HKO Lecture room, 8.30 p.m.
Games Meeting, Women's Recreation, European YMCA, 10 a.m.
Talk by Mr. D.W. Macdonnell, Commissioner of Police, at European YMCA, 6.45 p.m.



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HKVDC-Headquarters, Garden Road, Hong Kong — open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hong Kong Cricket Club, opposite Supreme Court — open 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club, Cox's Path, Kowloon — open 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Club de Recreio, King's Park, Kowloon — open 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Club Lusitano, 16, Ice House St., Hohg-Kong — open 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Registration is open to both men and women and applicants will be offered the choice of either joining the HKVDC or the Special Constabulary, or of indicating that they are willing to offer to serve in an emergency without electing now to join any specific organisation. Further details may be obtained from the officers at the registration centres.

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1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE NO. 6/1949.

FOR INFORMATION OF SHIP OPERATORS AND CHARTERERS.

It is hereby notified that Thursday, 10th February, 1949, has been declared a Weather-non-working day.

N. GARLAND,
Actg. Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, Feb. 11, 1949.

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B. MELLOR,
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February 9, 1949.

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Entries For Colony's Tennis Championships

The Colony Lawn Tennis Championships this year attracted 47 entries for the Singles and 37 entries for the Doubles. Tsui Wai-pui will be defending his Singles title and with his brother Tsui Yan-pui, the Doubles crown. Noteworthy entries are those of A. J. Doyle of the RAF, Far East Command Singles Champion, who won the Singapore title last April, and that of his service-mate, J. S. Beirne.

R. Segalen, the Cricket Club Champion will also be seen in action.

Notable absentees are the Rumbold brothers who dominated the local tennis world during their younger days.

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m.; (GPO) 9.30 a.m., Noon.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m. 12/2, (Ord.) 9 a.m. 12/2.
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Foochow, 10 a.m.
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon CPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon.

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FAMOUS CASES

The Drama Of Gay Gibson

By Chief Det-Inspector
S.S. Birch,
formerly of Scotland Yard

Passengers on the luxury liner Durban Castle had begun to exchange uneasy glances. The ship's loudspeaker was blaring—urgently for the ninth time since breakfast—interrupting quails, bathing, quiet deck strolls in sun-goggles until the bars opened.

"Will the occupant of Cabin 126 on First-class, 'B' Deck report immediately to any ship's officer, please..." will Miss Eileen Gibson report to any ship's officer...

Then the tropic ocean at Lat. 12 deg., 24W; Lon. 4 deg., 24N shimmered like white lace upon warm blue brocade as the Durban Castle swung ponderously back into her wake—170 miles from the African West coast. She was making fruitless search, that morning of October 18, 1947, for the missing body of Eileen Isabella Ronnie "Gay" Gibson, cherry blonde, slender, 21-year-old actress, the "Toots of Johannesburg," and ex-tyrant of Liverpool, England.

For, at 7.30 a.m., Stewardess Field, entering single-berth cabin 126, had found it empty. Stains on the pillow, blood-spots on the sheets. For, with wide open, and warm, 20-mile-an-hour sea-wind stirring the little jacquard curtain that had been tucked well back.

Occupant, Eileen "Gay" Gibson, who had been appearing in the Johannesburg production of "Golden Boy" with Eric Blore, was missing. So were her black silk pyjamas and yellow, flowered satin dressing-gown.

Puzzled and perturbed, the stewardess made the mistake of tidying the cabin slightly before her fears swamped her sense of duty and she rushed out with an ominous tale.

Night-watchman Steer had already reported to his superior that at 3.30 a.m. the two bell-pushes in Cabin 126, for "steward" and "stewardess," had flicked up red signals on his indicator board, rang for several seconds.

He had gone to the cabin, knocked, opened the door—had it slammed in his face by a man.

Ship's captain Arthur Fatoy, made fruitless search for Gay Gibson. Then he radioed her owners, the Union Castle Line, who called up the Southampton police.

Soon the reply came across half the world: "Beal, padlock the cabin, disturb nothing, await Southampton C.I.D. officers boarding you at Cowes Roads."

Gay Gibson's body had apparently been thrust through the cabin porthole into shark-infested tropic waters, three times as far from land as any human has successfully swum, while the ship was doing 18 knots.

So, from the broadcasting towers of the International Criminal Police Commission in Paris—linked with our own radio transmitters in the cellars of Scotland Yard—went orders to all shipping: "Alert for signs of body of Gay Gibson!"

Among officers of the day watch aboard hundreds of vessels, that patch of ocean 170 miles west of the African coast became "Position X." It was discussed in a babel of tongues from Heligoland to the Sandwich Isles.

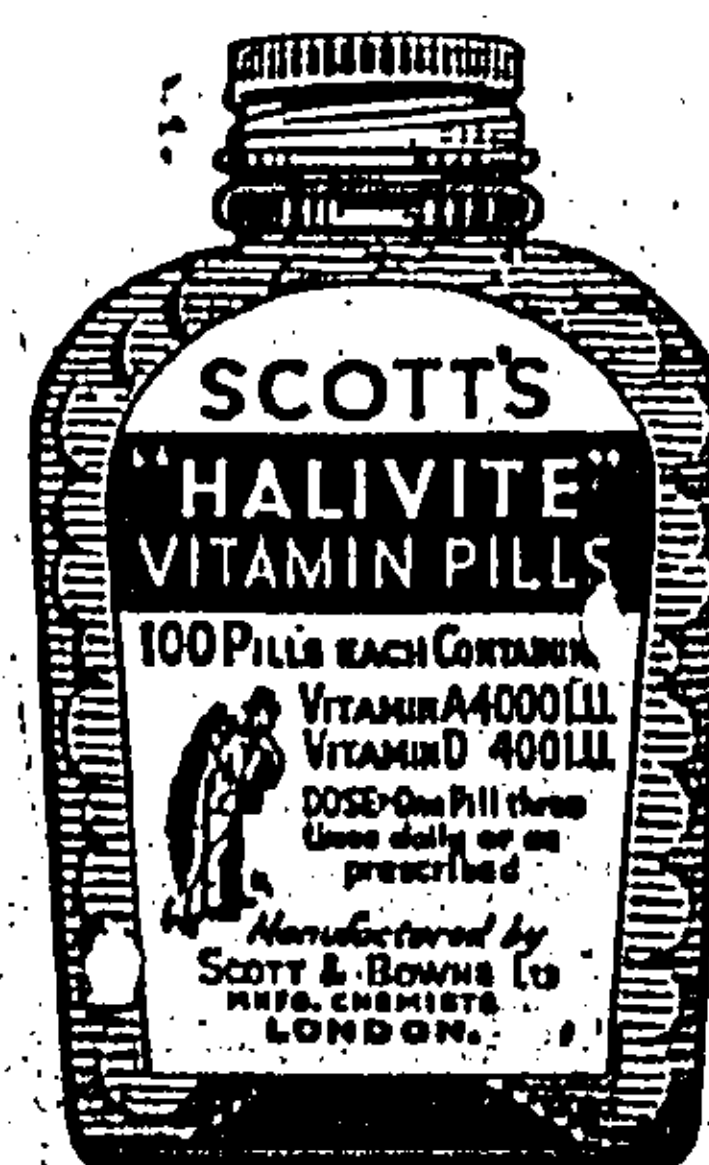
Down the sun-baked coast-lines of Liberia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, native policemen searched every beach and inlet, from desert shore to mangrove swamp.

But of lovely Gay Gibson, whose young life had been all triumphs and champagne-bubbles, there was no trace.

By meeting the liner on a specially chartered tug at Cowes Roads, Detective Sergeant Quinlan gained hours of investigating time before the ship docked.

He searched Miss Gibson's cabin, questioned crew and passengers, then brought his problem to the Fingerprint Department of the Yard.

So it was that the murder of Gay Gibson began for me on the morning of October 28, while wintry winds shredded leaves from the Thames Embankment trees below my office windows in the towers of Scotland Yard.



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Poring over photographs, Quinlan and I discussed this modern, passionate example of murder on the high seas—as it later proved to be—that was to become one of the strangest dramas in my case-book.

I moved in stark reverse to all customary murder hunts, where one begins with a body, ends by seeking the killer. Here we had no tangible victim—no corpus delicti.

In all British legal history there have been few murder prosecutions without a body.

However, as the killing occurred on the high seas we were not in strict law required to produce a body. This law went back to Caribbean pirate days of cutlass and walk-the-plank—but it was good enough to avenge the death of Gay Gibson.

There were no human witnesses to tell what had happened in that little cabin. C.I.D. men painstakingly took it to pieces, brought cabin door, bed, luggage, and belongings of the dead girl ashore. No human witnesses—but there were dumb silent ones! Smudges, where hasty hands had flitted. What could they tell in our rooftop laboratories of the Yard's Fingerprint Department?

Under microscope and technical powder, enlargement and scrutiny, the clues began to appear and grow into a damning tale. And the first person Sergeant Quinlan wanted to talk to was James Camb, a deck steward on the Durban Castle. Significantly he was nick-named "Valentino" by the crew.

This 30-year-old married man was a Lethbridge of the cruise routes, who had seemed to become a ship's officer, preferred to remain a deck steward where he could tuck rugs around the ankles of lovely lady passengers.

Night-watchman Steer believed it was the face of Camb that he had glimpsed in Cabin 126 before it door slammed shut against his inquiries.

Questioned by ship's officers the day after Gay Gibson disappeared, Camb, who had scratches on wrists and neck, made several statements. These contradicted each other under Quinlan's more experienced interrogation.

There were fingerprints belonging to Camb in the cabin. But that was no proof of guilt.

For fingerprint evidence has this flaw—that not even the most skilled police expert can tell exactly when the prints were made.

Camb was entitled to say: "Certainly my fingerprints were in Cabin 126. I went there three days earlier to fetch her book, or wrap, to her chair on the sun-deck."

More needed to be read into the fingerprints than merely their presence in the death cabin.

Quinlan and I gazed for some time at the enlarged photographs of Camb's handprint left on the inside of the cabin door. It was a dim outline of the flat of the right hand—but crisp and very clear was the V-shaped pressure of the hollow of his right-hand palm, just above the wrist.

Under normal pressure that should have been the least distinct part of the print.

You may try to open or shut a door in any way you choose

there is only one method will leave the bottom of the palm of your hand fully imprinted upon it—by slamming the door violently from the inside as it is being opened inwards to the room.

That was the supporting testimony to Mr. Steer's story. That was the guilty act that left Camb's mark.

His story would now have to be that he was in the cabin, guiltily refusing admission to an inquiring night-watchman as to why both bells were being rung. A passenger may ring for a steward or a stewardess at 3 a.m., but seldom requires both at once!

So Camb made it his defence that he had been a weekend visitor to Miss Gibson's cabin, had made love to her with her consent, that she died of natural causes in a convulsion that unnerved him, and that he thrust her through the porthole in the hope it would appear like suicide.

Defence solicitor Geoffrey Walls flew to South Africa, seeking witnesses who might support any part of Camb's bizarre testimony. Johannesburg attorney Ralph Mundell flew to Nairobi. Witnesses began to reach Britain by air and luxury liner at the expense of the taxpayer, prepared to recount reminiscences of any time when Gay Gibson had flitted or appeared to throw a fit.

Camb had explained that the significant scratches on his neck and wrists were the result of dhoti itch at shirt cuff and collar—a tropical spore that irritates skin, is picked up from clothing touched by infected native laundresses.

Doctors found no sign of itch, but Gay Gibson's mother and friends confirmed she trimmed her nails into points.

We knew it would not be an easy case for Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., leader of the three Crown counsel, to present for there were many mysterious aspects.

Gay Gibson, for instance, had told her friends in South Africa that she was leaving the production to take a job with the Gate Theatre in London.

The only Gate Theatre in London had been a charred heap of bomb ruins for four years before she set sail.

She gave us her address to the immigration authorities an occupation house whose residents had never previously heard of her.

Despite these points the issue was fairly clear: had Camb caused her death or had he not?

I took my portfolio to Winchester Assizes on March 19 when the case came up.

The Law Courts had been bomb-damaged, and the trial was held in the Great Hall of Winchester Castle, under a ceiling of tarpaulin that sagged and rippled in the March gusts, and gave glimpses of scurrying grey clouds.

Walls and partitions were of thin plywood. The prisoner stood in a dock that he could have kicked to pieces effortlessly.

It might have been an Elstree set—particularly as the court was littered with gigantic exhibits. It seems as if the cabin had been reconstructed under the jury's eyes.

There was the door, of gleaming mahogany. A plan as big as

a shop-window, showed the cabins and corridors of the Durban Castle. The fateful porthole had been exactly copied. The replica stood in court, set in a wooden wall, at the exact height from the ground of the one in Gay Gibson's cabin.

After a four-day battle between counsel for the Crown and Mr. J. D. Caswell, K.C., and a summing-up by the judge of two hours 27 minutes, the jury took only 45 minutes to find Camb guilty.

He stood up, smart and unemotional, with broad shoulders and well-cut blue suit, to hear the verdict. I should think he knew then, that he would not be likely to hang—for it was only three weeks later that the Commons passed the first reading of the Criminal Justice Bill. The no-hanging clause in the Bill saved Camb's life.

There was a lot of mud-thrown at Gay Gibson during the trial. Her mother left the court almost in tears. I sympathized with her.

Without any advantage from theatrical family or friends, Gay had fought her way up to become the leading theatrical star of Johannesburg, after a brief career that included hundreds of miles touring war zones with E.N.S.A.

She was young talented, and beautiful. Whatever trouble sent her so mysteriously home to England, it had nothing to do with Camb.

When he entered her cabin stealthily early that morning she rang both cabin bells and fought and scratched him. When Camb left, the cabin was quiet, the porthole open.

I folded my papers, snapped my brown brief-case shut, and left the court that final afternoon, remembering something I had heard the producer of "Golden Boy" tell me—that the last line Gay Gibson spoke upon the stage, which had taken her so generously to its heart, was:

"Somewhere in the world somehow, surely, there is a place where a woman can find peace."

Quake Shakes California

San Francisco, February 11.

An earthquake lasting a few seconds shook San Francisco today, but there were no immediate reports of damage. The quake came shortly before 7 p.m.

Some inhabitants report that dishes rattled on mantles and at least one early sleeper was awakened by the sudden moving of his bed.

The tremor followed by about six hours an earthquake which shook San Joaquin Valley, causing buildings to sway and frightening residents. The floor of the inland agricultural valley cracked for two to three seconds at 1.08 p.m. along a 150 miles stretch from Bakersfield to North of Fresno.—United Press.

STALIN'S REAL AIMS

By Josef Stalin

All In A Soviet Best-Seller From Which GORDON YOUNG Took These Excerpts

Does Josef Stalin mean what he says in his latest protestations to the Western world through an American news agency?

Authentic answers may be found in a book printed in Russia through 11 editions, totalling more than 30,000,000 copies—but almost unknown yet in Britain outside the ranks of the fellow travellers.

Its title: "Problems of Leninism." Its author: Josef Stalin.

His 'Mein Kampf'

The book is Stalin's "Mein Kampf" and, like Hitler's, details how he plans to do and how he means to do it.

Stalin's basic theory, made clear early in the book, is that the Russian October Revolution of 1917 was "the first stage of world revolution, and an immense platform for its further development."

The aim of Russia, he says, must now be to consolidate the dictatorship of the proletariat and use it as "a foothold for the overthrow of Imperialism in all other countries."

In one section entitled "Strategy and Tactics," Stalin explains that the main forces of revolution are the proletariat and revolutionary movements in other lands.

He adds: "Main reserves are the semi-proletarians, and small farmers in the more developed lands, and the freedom movements in the colonies."

Stalin quotes with approval Lenin's declaration that war is inevitable in an Imperialist world with the 'proletarian revolution in Europe and the colonial revolutions in the East united to form a single revolutionary world front against the world front of Imperialism.'

About the various methods to be employed to achieve world domination, Stalin is as frank as was Hitler. He develops Lenin's thesis that the best means for the expansion of world revolution are those of wars, economic crisis, and national catastrophes, and he explains that the most complicated ruses are permissible.

'Ridiculous War'

Stalin endorses Lenin's statement: "It would be ridiculous to carry on a war for the overthrow of the international bourgeoisie, a war which is a 100 times more difficult than the most tenacious of wars between States, and to refrain from manoeuvring, from using the conflicts of interests among enemies, from compromises with possible Allies, however temporary."

Says Stalin: "Tactics can be altered dozens of times while the strategic plan remains unaltered." Stalin indicates his principles of diplomacy in one sentence which seems to have special application at the moment. He says: "The proletarian leadership can, when sufficiently strong, give up temporarily part of what it has in order to buy itself free from a strong adversary and win breathing space."

Four golden rules for the leaders of world revolution are listed by Stalin as follows:

1. Concentrate the attack on the most sensitive part of the enemy.

2. Choose the right moment for the decisive battle.

3. Pursue your goal unswervingly despite all difficulties and complications, so that the advanced guard shall never lose sight of the main purpose of the battle and the masses shall never get off the right course.

4. Manoeuvre with your reserves and retreat when it would be disadvantageous to give battle. These rules appear to apply equally to his military and diplomatic chiefs.

'Shock Troops'

The sense of urgency that drives Stalin on to new endeavours comes out clearly in one of his addresses to the Party at the end of the book. He says:

"The workers of the West have called Soviet workers the 'shock troops of the world proletariat.' That is very good. It means that the world's proletariat is ready even in the future, to support the Soviet working-class, but it also puts a heavy responsibility on us."

"It means that we must show ourselves worthy of that name—the shock troops of the proletariat of all countries! It puts on us the duty of working better and fighting better for Socialism's complete victory in our land and for Socialism's victory in all countries."

Basis Of All

The more you read "Problems of Leninism" the more it becomes clear that all Stalin's actions today are based on the hard-core of the programme outlined in that book.

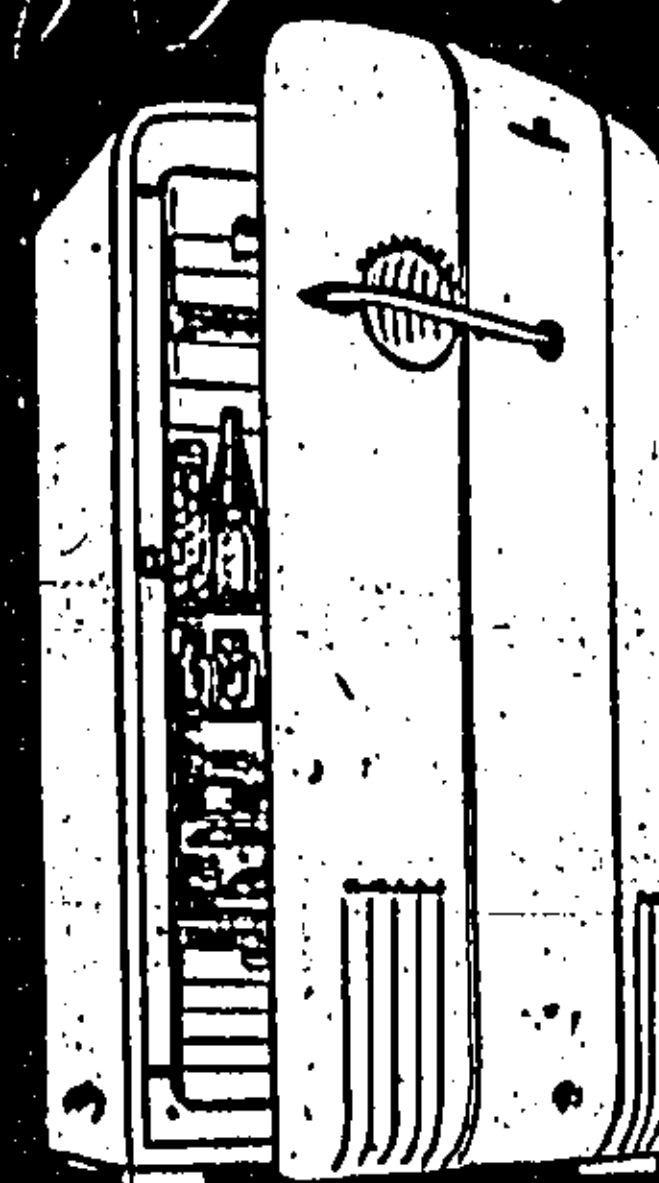
His supple shifts of tactics change from day to day according to necessities. His basic aims never do.

Life to Stalin is just an all-in wrestling match with no holds barred. He sums it up himself like this: "We live in accordance with Lenin's formula: 'It is a case of catch or be caught.' Either it is we who will beat the capitalists and give them the last decisive knock-out, or, as Lenin said, it is they who will defeat us."

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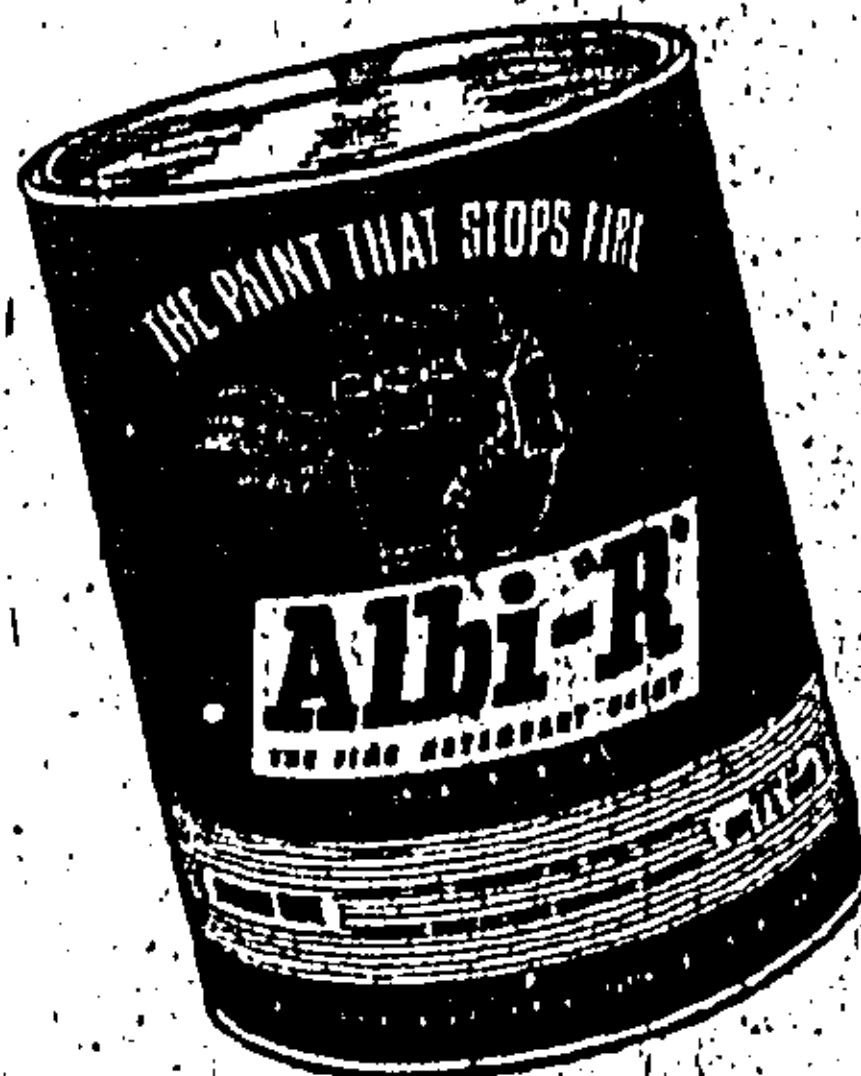
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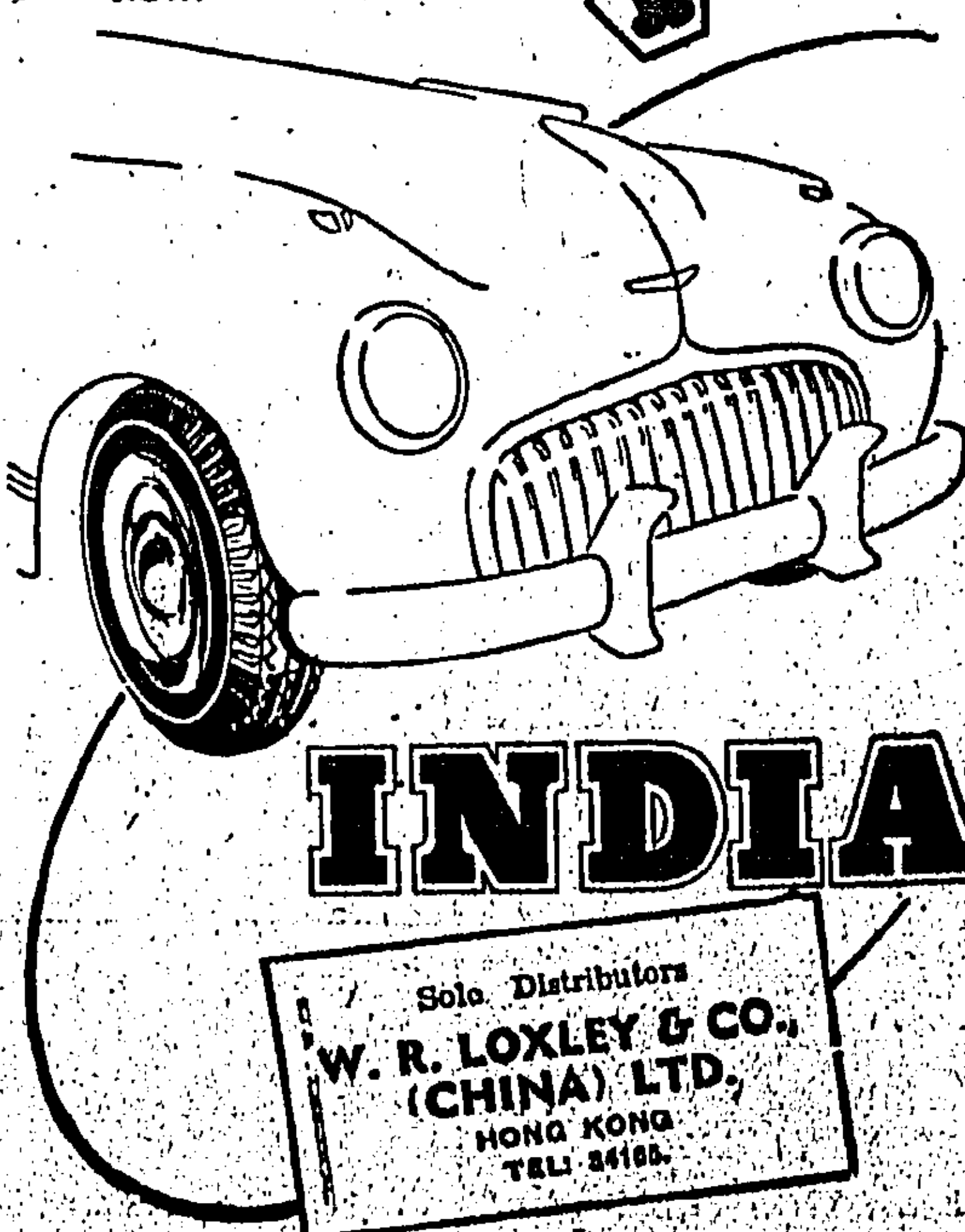
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GONE WITH THE WIND!**Anti-Spy Psychosis
Behind Iron Curtain**

London, February 12.

The trial and sentencing of Cardinal Mindszenty, Hungary's highest Catholic prelate, is but the latest manifestation of an anti-spy psychosis sweeping countries behind the Iron Curtain.

The American intelligence "dragon" is lurking everywhere. He pries into the innermost secrets of the "Peoples' Democracies."

He organises rings of agitators. He wrecks havoc with sabotage. He plots against the defenders of "true freedom," as handed down by Moscow.

Washington, however, is modest about the accomplishments of their "super-spy." Any questioning of officials there about the accomplishments of their agents abroad draws the diplomatic equivalent of "non-sense."

For consorting with "American agents," not a few behind the Iron curtain have been sentenced to death and many to long prison terms. The latest to be convicted of consorting with American intelligence operatives is Cardinal Mindszenty.

The police in Czechoslovakia recently rounded up some 60 Slovaks and are hunting for more who, they say worked with the Americans.

Monotonous Pattern

A group of Czech Army officers have also been arrested for plotting with an "agent of a foreign power." An Army major was sentenced to death. The pattern is monotonous, and just as monotonous are the denials from the West. Here are a few examples:

In Soviet Austria the Russian news agency Tass accused American intelligence men with hiring Austrians to spy for them. The U.S. said this is utterly untrue.

In Bulgaria, flight over American agents became manifest with the trial of the agrarian leader, Nikola Petkov, subsequently executed. He was charged with working for a "foreign power."

Ogre At Work

In Rumania, two American diplomats were expelled charged with operating as "spies and saboteurs." Rumania has tried numerous persons and sent them to gaol on charges of plotting with Americans and Britons.

**U.S. Ambassador
To Israel**

Tel Aviv, February 12.
Professor James MacDonald, special U.S. representative in Tel Aviv, has been appointed first American Ambassador to Israel.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Shertok, said: "We consider this appointment as a new and important landmark in the evolution of friendly and cordial relations between the United States and Israel."

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**Protestant's
Warning To
"Think Twice"**

New York, February 11.
The Rev. Dr. John Paul Jones, President of the Protestant Division of the Protestant Council of New York, has urged Americans to think twice before they join the "holy crusade" for Cardinal Mindszenty.

Dr. Jones declared in his Union Church newsletter that both the Roman Catholic Church and the Hungarian Communist Government have resorted to questionable tactics of unseemly warfare in the case.

Few Americans, perhaps none, know the whole truth concerning this Cardinal's trial, he said. He urged Protestants to view all the factors objectively before government or public opinion involves us in serious commitments. —Reuter.

**Colonial
Governor
Mystery**Bridgetown, Barbados,
February 11.

The mystery of why Earl Baldwin, Governor of the Leeward Islands, has been recalled to Britain was eclipsed today by the mystery of how he is travelling and when he will arrive.

The Colonial Office in London believes he is returning on the 9,324 tons Panamanian ship, Katoomba.

A Trinidad report today appears to confirm this belief. Earl Baldwin, it stated, will board the Katoomba at Guadeloupe, said to be in the 3,401 tons Norwegian ship, Pacific Express.

Earl Baldwin left Antigua on January 31 on a 1,600 ton naval frigate, Whitesand Bay.

Today, 11 days later, all that seems clear is that the Earl is still somewhere in the West Indies area. —Reuter.

**No Answer To
Berlin Crisis**

Geneva, February 12.

The United Nations "Neutral" Committee on Berlin, after two months of secret discussions, today conceded its failure to find a solution of the Berlin currency problem equally acceptable to Russia and the West.

The nine-nation Committee, comprising past and present members of the Security Council not directly involved in the Berlin dispute, adopted the terms of its report to the President of the Security Council.

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PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

WEDNESDAY finds me in my den. Smoking-cap, cheroot, and the velvet jacket. I'm browsing through some parcels of new books.

How the publishers do bombard me, to be sure. Could I do that? Could I do that? I declare, a chap can scarcely call his time his own.

Only the other day I had a wild-eyed fellow in here looking for an advance notice of some peculiar lubrication. Kept waving it in the air and spitting.

"What's it all about?" I said. "Birmingham!" he cried—and in the end the girl inherits—

I dashed off a couple of lines—deep insight... notable characterisation... authentic touch—

He went away as pleased as a dog with two tails.

But what is this? A letter! Don't tell me they've taken to writing letters!

"Dear Sir, I have pleasure in enclosing what we believe to be the most unusual book ever published together with a description of the book and some of its uses."

I turned to Bolsover my secretary.

"I trust," I said, "that there is a more generous dispensation of commas in the publication itself."

A thoughtful look crossed his face.

"What?" he said, after a moment.

"I'll kick that fellow in the teeth one day."

I turned to the next page. It was headed:

THE MOST UNUSUAL BOOK EVER PUBLISHED

It read straight on—"Is probably the London Midland Region Locomotive Reference Book, including the ex-L.M.S.R. engines of the Scottish Region."

I sat up. "Bolsover," I said, "we've got something here."

He peered about in his short-sighted way.

"No," I said, "here! Listen to this. This unique little booklet gives the locomotive Spotter all the information he needs. Not only does it contain a complete numerical list of all the locomotives in service, and those scheduled for construction in 1949, but it actually indicates the shed to which each locomotive is allocated, and offers facilities for keeping this information up to date."

"Actually indicates the shed?" said Bolsover.

"It's important," I said. "It says here: 'Locomotives get transferred from depot to depot in much the same way as professional footballers move from club to club. The movements of locomotives are dictated by the immediate requirements of the various districts. These vary with seasonal changes, such as harvest and holidays, not to mention transfers for technical reasons at the discretion of the Motive Power Department. The keen Spotter keeps a log of all these movements...'

"What do you think?" said Bolsover. "I mean, how is it for characterisation?"

"I told you this was important," I replied. "But let us explore."

I opened it at random. "This chapter," I said—"It's headed—

"6-6-T L. & Y. Saddle Tanks. CI

sem of numbering was open to some criticism in that the company's 8,000 odd locomotives occupied a range of numbers from 1 to 23,022 (rail-cars 29,950-3 and 29,958 were numbered in with the coach stock). Obviously, in the case of those engines numbered in the 20,000 series (mainly ex-L.M.S.R. types due for early withdrawal) the addition of 40,000 would have meant duplication of certain numbers in the 60,000 (ex-L.N.E.R.) series. Accordingly, these locomotives were given entirely new numbers, and were compressed into the 60,000 series, as the ex-L.M.S.R. 0-4-4T's and 2P 0-6-0's—the tanks to make way for further standard 2P 2-6-2T's in the 41,200 series, and the 0-4-0's for further standard 4P 2-0-0's in the 43,000 series."

"I like it," said Bolsover. "It's brittle, but somehow—satisfying."

"Wait a moment," I warned him. "We want no snap-judgments. This is merely the introduction. Oh, ho!"

Bolsover started, and opened some ink.

"Sorry," I said. "I've just noticed an addendum at the foot of Page 7. It is interesting to note that Wick, sub to Inverness, is 16 1/4 miles from Inverness by rail."

Bolsover gave a low whistle. "They go into it as deeply, as that!" he exclaimed.

"I told you this was important," I replied. "But let us explore."

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"It seems to go rather well."

"Read it," said Bolsover eagerly. "It always sounds so much better when you read it."

I thanked him and took a sip of water.

"Saddle tanks," I announced. "61307 23A."

"61313 0U."

"61316 10B."

"61318 8C."

Bolsover made a small gesture. "It's like," he said, "like Maugham, with the oddest sort of understatements."

"What about this?" I said. "It's just a short chapter. 0-4-0 M.L. Double framed CI, 2P."

I read aloud: "61110 2200 17A."

"61114 2204 07B."

"61112 2205 07B."

"61115 2206 07B."

Bolsover jumped up. "But what are we going to do about it?" he cried.

"We're going to town with it," I said. "We're making it the Book of the Day, the Book of the Week, the Book of the Year."

"What about this?" I said. "You know," I said, "the other boys are going to be as sick as mud about this—Quennell, Desmond MacCarthy, George Malcolm Thompson, Robert Lynd—Why?"

I said, "I don't suppose half of them have even read it yet."

"It seems to me," said Bolsover eagerly, "that a couple of critics that I know, and that you know, are going to be getting their cards."

Smiling, Please

A little difficulty in the billiards-room of the club. A chap is doing a cartoon of us other chaps. It's going to be framed and hung on the wall, so that other chaps, in about 50 years' time, will be able to see what we chaps looked like.

The chap that's doing the cartoon began a couple of weeks ago, sitting in a corner sketching.

At first no one knew what was going on. The business was kept secret, in case a lot of chaps who don't ordinarily play on the table might come pushing in just to get themselves cartooned for posterity.

Then the news leaked out. I heard about it myself on Thursday. Since then, I'm afraid, my game has gone to pieces.

Since the cartooning began, in fact, I calculate that I've missed 17 blacks, 11 pinks, 23 reds, and all the smaller colours twice.

No sooner do I get down over the table in the normal way, tongue protruding, left eye closed, a bump on the back like a buffalo—than I remember that probably at this very moment I'm being drawn in a characteristic pose.

The chance, of course, that I may already have been done, and can relax. But I don't like to ask the cartoonist chap, point-blank, if he's finished with me.

It is just conceivable that he never intended to include me in the final picture at all.

One Of Many

Sing Tao, Jih Pao: The question is will the security of Hong Kong be affected by a new Government in China.

The Government in China, though, is not a new Government. The main concern is the internal affairs and has little to do with Hong Kong which only affects China's foreign policy.

Hong Kong is only one of the many questions in which China's relations with foreign powers are involved. Any question regarding Hong Kong will be settled through diplomatic channels not by violence.

The era of Japanese militarism is gone and the incident of 1941 will not be repeated. Concern expressed by the Western Powers of the likelihood of turmoil here is unwarranted.

Postal Problems

To Kwong Pao: Those who had here from China for safety naturally are anxious to communicate with friends and relatives left behind, but because of the Kuomintang ban on communications with the Communist-controlled areas, the freedom of correspondence is denied.

Stipulations of the International Postal Agreement of 1939 have thus far not been violated by the signatories to it. Under this pact people can correspond freely even when nations are at war, and prisoners of war are even allowed to send letters through a third nation.

Postal service is universally accepted as an essential function of a state. It is an obligation on the part of a government.

Through the efforts of the Shanghai Postal Employees Union, a successful appeal was made to resume the postal service between Shanghai and Peking. It is now hoped that the service will not be disrupted under any circumstances.

Still Hoping

Sing Tao Jih Pao: There has been no large-scale military operations in China since the Communist forces reached the Yangtze. This may be due to the desire of the Communists to gain time for preparations for a further push rather than a desire for peace.

If the Communists obtain a foothold on the Southern side of the Yangtze, they will be able to thrust towards Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Some Kuomintang leaders, who arrived in the South recently, have been openly saying that much can still be done to keep the National Government in power. They still hope for United States assistance believing that America will not tolerate total domination of China by the Communists.

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Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

A READER has written to me, saying: "All right, we've laughed with you at male shortcomings, but what about the possessive love women aren't perfect, are they?"

Then, you probably read in your newspaper the other day that, in refusing to grant a divorce, Mr. Justice Wallington gave his opinion that, however unwittingly, a mother was responsible for the break-up of her son's marriage because she "clung to him."

Well, we might as well come right out and admit it, women are not perfect. They are vain, almost always illogical and—here it comes—generally far too possessive.

You remember how Polonius advised Laertes: "The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel."—a sentence which just about describes what women do, or try to do to their men.

Of course it isn't called possessiveness. It's disguised as love; but the symptoms are the same. If you think it over I bet you can recall at least one boy-meets-girl romance which faded out because the little damozel thought holding her hand meant that the boy had given himself to her for Christmas—and after.

Every time the poor boy looked at another pretty thing she raised the dust. But why?

When a girl is as young and beautiful as modern science can make her, surely there are only two ways to regard a wayward beau: either he so confident of him that she knows he is having a perfectly horrid time with anyone but her, or, since the pond is full of saildories and she is a goldfish, she is well rid of the goon. But no, she calls him up, calls him names, and he calls it off. All because she is so possessive.

A man likes to call his soul his own, but seldom gets the chance. From the moment he is born his mother instinctively tries to possess him.

When he is a baby unfortunately he has to behave like one, and mamma never gets over it. Once upon a time she had to fix what the Americans so nicely term his "diddle"; he was utterly dependent on her, which fed her possessive (maternal) in-

stinct to saturation. And we know how hard it is to reduce an appetite that has been well fed.

Mother love is a fine and necessary thing in the right proportion, but it's often overdone. "Nobody can cook for you, dear, like I can!" says mother, fondly. Later on grown-up sonny boy is liable to repeat this depressing information to his wife with obvious results.

Talking about marriage, ask any couple intending to marry and they'll tell you they want to set up a partnership for life. However, hardly has the bridal veil been laid aside, before most brides begin to show clearly that they thought they were attending a sale, and not entering a partnership agreement!

"You married me, now you should become what I think I want you to be," is their attitude. The fact that they liked the guy well enough to marry him seems irrelevant.

Having married him, they want to show him off. To show him off he must be made to appear the perfect husband... a prize possession indeed! It may take a month, a year, or a life-time, but she wants her man to be the envy of her friends.

Her possessive love can turn the little darling into a first-class nag. If only women could learn that a man, even a husband, is an individual in his own right, there would be a heap less nagging.

A married couple setting out for a party are liable to have a much happier atmosphere around them if the little woman could refrain from spending the entire period of dressing telling the light of her life how he is to behave.

Since he is a man and not a mouse such counsel is utterly wasted. In fact, merely provocative. He will say what he intended to say; under her watchful eye, probably drink more than he intended; and from sheer contrariness is quite likely to flirt with some female who really bores the daylight out of him.

He doesn't mean any harm, but the possessive love of women has been nursing him all his life, and he has to assert himself at times.

Aren't men ever guilty? Sure they are and we label them "jealous types." But the psychologists agree that women



generally have a more demanding attitude to their loved ones. It is mothers and not fathers who gave rise to the rather awful little phrase "smother love."

Don't think it doesn't pain me, but I'm sure that husbands and children should be set out on their own feet, in the fervent hope that when they start walking, they will go in the right direction. Let a man call his soul his own and—who knows?—one day he may make you a present of it.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that the reader who feels so strongly against "over-possessive love" is not a man. She is the mother of two grown sons! So maybe we're getting wise to ourselves after all, and in some future time women will be perfect!

All-Out To End Malaya Terrorism

Singapore, February 11. The Malayan Government is determined to end the present situation in Malaya as quickly as possible, Major-General C. H. Boucher, General Officer Commanding Malaya, said in Kuala Lumpur tonight.

Addressing members of the United Planting Association of Malaya, General Boucher said it is obvious that neither the planters, the economy of the country nor the overstrained security forces are prepared to go on two more years under this sort of strain.

It will be unwise to be complacent about the situation after the emergency over Malaya will in future always have to maintain adequate security forces to prevent the infiltration of undesirable elements from outside and to insure against the recurrence of the present serious internal difficulties, he added.

Sir Henry Gurney, the High Commissioner, said the Malaya Government cannot and does not contemplate that the present emergency can continue for two years or any such time. Reuters.

BRITISH STANDARDS OF CONDUCT Have They Declined?

Never perhaps during the past hundred years has there been greater cause for concern than there is today regarding the maintenance of those standards of conduct, public and private, on which we fondly imagined we could pride ourselves as a nation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his New Year Message, gave us all a deliberate jolt by the terms in which he reminded us, at this season of goodwill, of the signs of widely prevalent demoralisation.

That crimes of violence should be rife is perhaps only to be expected after a prolonged and destructive war. A wave of dishonesty can be set down, at least in part, to the same cause. There have, of course, been other factors: certain alien elements in the community, which in time will become assimilated, the existence of exceptional temptations owing to scarcity and the consequent ease with which stolen property can be disposed of. Shortage of police—with many forces as much as 25 per cent. below strength—must also have played its part.

Cause For Anxiety

So far as all this goes, some reassurance can be found in the fact that the times have been abnormal. The conditions described are transient, and with their passing may confidently expect a return to higher standards, subject always to one proviso that, behind and beneath all the turmoil, the nation has in fact maintained its general ethical standard.

That is the crux. There, I suggest, is the only cause for anxiety.

Has there, we must ask ourselves, been any marked deterioration in the tone of our public services, in business morality, or in the ordinary relations of life? If so, is that also a passing phase? Here is something that must be faced. If the whole nation faces it boldly and frankly, the otherwise deplorable publicity attracted by recent notorious cases will be fully justified.

Whatever view may be taken of the facts by which the conduct of particular individuals who had the misfortune to be called upon to be judged, the question that must be asked when we come to consider the wider implication of these matters is this: What sort of atmosphere was it that enabled such things to go on?

Contributory

Certain contributory causes leading to a general deterioration can be suggested at once. The first, and perhaps the most insidious, is a widespread sense of injustice. For some time past injustice has been creeping into our public finance. This undoubtedly fact has been referred to again and again, but the progressive nature of the mischief has never been sufficiently emphasised. The notorious "once for all levy" was not the first example of a definitely unjust impost. The existence of such injustices, which I have previously stigmatised as legislative brigandage, and which are not confined to the sphere of taxation, added to the effects of inflation and the crushing incidence of the older taxes at their present levels, creates an almost irresistible urge to evasion.

Counter-measures hastily devised and indiscriminately applied, for the protection of the public purse, lead too often to further inequalities and injustices. The results are apparent in exasperation and a blunting of moral sensibility on the part of large and important sections of the taxpaying community. The mischief does not stop there, for attempts to justify and enforce unjust imposts must tend

to demoralise officials in the revenue services concerned. In the presence of major injustices which they are powerless to remedy, they cannot fail to lose interest in the refinements essential to the maintenance of a decent standard of administration.

By THE RT. HON. SIR JOHN ANDERSON, M.P.

A state of affairs more frequently commented on is the existence of a multiplicity of irksome controls, the enforcement of which must tend to bring the law into contempt. The sale of coupons may be confined within narrow limits, but how many of us could say that we have never connived at some of the more excusable breaches of the rules, technically amounting, as such breaches do, to criminal acts? Breaches of the currency regulations, in the spirit if not the letter, must, I suspect, have been committed by a large section of the travelling public.

Moral Fibre Sapped

Then, to pass to another topic altogether, measures designed, commendably enough, to raise material standards of life are too often found to be sapping the moral fibre of the nation. Complete security from unemployment is one thing, but the

employment is for too many only an encouragement to sloth and indiscipline. Unearned boons tend to discount the value of honest effort. In some cases they also undermine the sense of family responsibility and weaken parental control.

What is the main source of support for nationalisation? Let us face this frankly. Is it the good of the community or is it pressure of sectional interests? Can anyone doubt that but for the belief—possibly mistaken—that sectional interests would benefit, albeit at the expense of the community, the pressure for further measures of nationalisation would markedly diminish? Unhappily the odds appear to be heavily in favour of a politically powerful sectional interest in any economic conflict.

In truth, Socialism, to be put into operation by free men in a free community, postulates a very high standard of personal conduct. In practice, however, it really tends in the opposite direction. It cannot but encourage the baser instincts of human nature if allowed to run ahead of the natural evolution of public morality.

Sad Lowering

I have sought in a previous article to prove that Socialism in the manner in which, and at the rate at which, it is being put into practice in this country, is inconsistent with personal liberty. My thesis today is that it is inconsistent also, with public morality.

U.S. Aid For Development In Africa

Washington, February 11. Plans are being worked out here to supply United States technicians to help in at least four "British" development schemes in Africa.

Their salaries would be paid from a special Marshall Plan fund for providing technical assistance to the participating countries. The fund totals something less than \$5,000,000 but another \$15 million is being sought from Congress as part of the overall \$4,280-million appropriation for the European Recovery Programme's second full year.

The American technicians, needed because of the shortage in Britain, are intended to work on:

- 1.—The topographical air survey now being carried out over an area of square miles of trackless wastes.
- 2.—The geological exploration of important minerals.
- 3.—The continued campaign against malaria and the tsetse fly which is delaying the development of large tracts of land in Africa.
- 4.—The engineering survey of the "gap" in the Cairo-Cape railway route. Reuters.

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Stanley A "Citizen Of Israel"

London, February 11. Mr. Sydney Stanley, threatened with deportation by the British Government following the recent corruption tribunal, today said: "I am claiming citizenship in the State of Israel."

Mr. Stanley said this as he called at the Polish Consulate office, where his deportation to Poland, requested by the Home Office, is being considered.

Mr. Stanley had earlier claimed that he is a statesman, but the Home Office, declaring that he was born in Poland, asked for him to be deported there.

He is said to have first stated in his hour-long interview at the Polish Consulate: "I am a citizen of the State of Israel." Later, he ended this by: "I am claiming the citizenship of the State of Israel." He added that his application for an Israeli visa is under consideration.

Asked about his profession, Mr. Stanley is said to have hesitated, saying first: "I do not know what to answer," and a little later, "I suppose an agent."

The Polish Consul announced that Mr. Stanley's statement and the Home Office information will be referred immediately to the Polish Home authorities, and that a decision as to his citizenship will be obtained as promptly as possible.

Mr. Stanley is understood to have called at the office of the Israeli representative in London today, saying that he is interested in an Israeli visa. He was told to apply to the Israeli Consulate.—Reuter.

Empire Ministers Meeting In May

London, February 11.

Commonwealth countries are working on plans for a Dominion Foreign Ministers' conference in Ceylon in May on questions of common Dominion interest.

A switch of venue to Canada, however, is not ruled out by Parliamentary quarters here. The conference, wherever held, will be confined not merely to a study of Far Eastern problems but cover the whole field of questions of common interest to the Dominions.

South East Asian and Pacific problems—social, political, economic defensive and cultural—will rank high on the agenda.

The desire to hold the conference in Ceylon is general, but there are considerable difficulties to be overcome. Most of the foreign Ministers are expected to be at Lake Success for the resumed General Assembly of the United Nations in April.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, will preside over the resumed session of the United Nations Assembly.

There is no guarantee that this engagement will not overlap the time suggested for the Ceylon meeting.

There is general feeling among Commonwealth countries that the meeting should take place as soon as possible, as several of the leading Dominions will later in the year be preoccupied with general election preparations and other domestic questions.

The solution, some quarters suggest, would be to hold a meeting at Ottawa, which could be reached overnight from Lake Success, and arrange a Ceylon meeting for a later date.

Britain's representatives, it is expected, will be the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, or the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeill, and the Commonwealth Secretary, Mr. Philip Noel Baker.—Reuter.

New York, February 11.

The Asian countries which attended the New Delhi conference on Indonesia may soon be asked to apply economic sanctions against The Netherlands should the Dutch continue to defy world opinion.

This is according to Dr. D. Soemito, Indonesian Republican delegate to the United Nations, who has just returned from Delhi.

Dr. Soemito said at a press conference today: "I have reason to believe that very soon consultations through diplomatic channels will be taken up by the countries who participated in the Asian conference."

"Such consultations are meant to consider ways and means that can be enforced upon the Dutch, should they continue to defy world opinion in general and the Asian countries in particular."

"In such a case, the representatives of the Indonesian Republic will again submit to the Government of the Asian countries to consider seriously to apply, either individually or jointly, sanctions against the Dutch, as contained in Articles 41 and 42 of the United Nations Charter."

"We will also again submit our request to the Asian countries to supply us with material and financial aid."

Dr. Soemito said the sanctions envisaged would constitute an extension to other countries of the withdrawal of Indian rights in India, Pakistan and Ceylon to Dutch planes. Also, it would be urged that Dutch ships calling at Asian ports on their way to Indonesia be fully investigated to see whether they are carrying contraband or military equipment. If they are, such ships must be confiscated.

Asked for his comments on the suggestion that the New Delhi conference is the beginning of the formation of an Asian "bloc," Dr. Soemito said: "It has been publicly denied that it was the intention of the conference to form such a bloc. However, as

the course of events appears to be right now, I would not be surprised if, at a date in the near future, the conference shaped itself into some semi-permanent consultative body."

He added that the purpose of such an organization would be to safeguard the mutual interests of Asian countries, and to combat imperialism.

Dr. Soemito said: "There can be no doubt about the strong feelings of Asia and about its determination to take further steps if and when the Dutch are allowed to continue their colonial practices. There is a fast-growing resentment noticeable among large and powerful sections in the Asian world against the fact that apparently the Western Powers still regard Asian interests as their tail-end."

Mutilated Body Of U.S. Colonel

Athens, February 11.

A mutilated body found at the mountain town of Karpenski, in Central Greece, after its recent recapture from the guerrillas, is believed to be that of an American, Lieutenant-Colonel Selden R. Edner.

Colonel Edner was in a plane shot down over Karpenski on January 21, the day after its capture by the guerrillas. Press reports said the body had a rope around the neck. It was found by a United States investigation party which brought it to Athens for identification.

Official United States sources said that Colonel Edner, of San Jose, California, was an unarmed passenger in the aircraft—a Greek Harvard trainer. He was a United States observer and was flying from Larissa in Southern Greece, when the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire.

Greek Air Force sources quoted pilots as suggesting that the plane landed normally after being hit and that the Greek pilot and Colonel Edner were safe.

Guerrillas said the plane was shot down after bombing and machine-gunning the town of Karpenski, and that Colonel Edner was found dead among the wreckage.—Reuter.

Resignation Of Minister

The Hague, February 11. Mr. Emmuel Sassen, Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories, resigned today following a two-day Cabinet meeting on the Indonesian situation.

His resignation raises the immediate speculation that the Dutch may be ready to alter their opposition to the United Nations' recommendations on the problem.—United Press.

BRITISH MP'S LEAVE UNION

London, February 12.

The group of British members of Parliament in the European Parliamentary Union have decided to withdraw from the Union. They think there are more effective ways of assisting European unity than the Union.

At a meeting the members, representing all British political parties except the Communist Party, constituted themselves as a body to work for European Unity in association with the European movement.

They also decided to approach the British Council of the European movement, which is shortly to be formed, to co-ordinate the two movements on condition that individual members shall not be committed to any Council proposals and that the group retains its parliamentary autonomy.

The Chairman of the new body is Mr. R. W. Mackay, of the Labour Party. Nearly all its members attended the Hague Conference on European unity last May.

Twenty-three Labour members went to the Hague against the advice of the British Labour Party.—Reuter.

British Approach To The Hague

London, February 12.

Britain has advised Holland to release the captured Indonesian Republican leaders as quickly as possible and to comply with the United Nations directives for an Indonesian settlement.

The British Ambassador to The Hague, Sir Philip Nichols, called on the Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr. D. U. Stikker, at the Hague a few days ago.

He warned him of the effects of non-compliance on world and British opinion.

Sir Philip reminded Mr. Stikker that the Dutch had promised the Security Council that they would release the Indonesian Republicans whom they had put under arrest in late December (when the Dutch launched their "police action" against the Republicans).

Sir Philip told Mr. Stikker that unless those leaders are released fairly soon, it will have most unfavourable effects on world and British public opinion.

The British admonition to the Dutch apparently was delivered verbally. No formal note was handed to Mr. Stikker.

British View

Britain has been landed in an awkward situation with her Commonwealth partners—like India, Pakistan, Australia and Ceylon—through Holland's flouting of the Security Council.

Each of these Dominions broadly sympathizes with the Indonesians and shares Britain's view that Holland has set all Asia and a big part of the Arab world against her by her actions in Indonesia.

The British strongly desire the Dutch to resume co-operation with the United Nations Good Offices Commission in Indonesia.

Existence of that Commission has been virtually ignored by the Dutch, in the British view.

Difficult Position

The British move, to some extent, was brought about by new Indian and Australian Government proposals for action.

Britain's position is made more difficult because she has to try and strike a balance between her common interests with the Dominions and with her Brussels Pact Allies—of whom Holland is one.

There is no indication of what answer, if any, Mr. Stikker gave to Sir Philip.

Meanwhile the United Nations Commission of Belgian, American and Australian members is to fly to Banka for talks with the eight exiled Republican leaders there.

A Batavia spokesman said that the three-man Commission will discuss the implementation of the January 28 resolution of the Security Council.—Associated Press.

Inquiry Into Race Rioting

Capetown, February 11.

Members of a three-man commission to enquire into the Durban racial riots last month are named in an extraordinary issue of the South African Government Gazette.

They are Judge F. P. Van Der Heever, Chairman; Mr. E. Mason, Chief Magistrate of Johannesburg, and Mr. Schulz, Chief Magistrate of Durban.

The Commission is given the following terms of reference: "To enquire into the report upon events which led to, and the causes of, the recent riots in which natives and Indians in Durban and vicinity were involved."

"And, should the Commission find that the riots were preceded by strained relations between the two said racial groups, the causes of the strained relations."

Over 120 Africans and Indians in about equal numbers, lost their lives in the Durban riots, which began on the evening of January 13 after an altercation between an Indian market stallholder and an African boy.—Reuter.

Art Critics Take A Drubbing

Moscow, February 12.

Theatre critics and art critics who fail to see the worth of contemporary Communist drama and art are severely denounced in the Soviet press.

In its editorial today Izvestia demands the ideological destruction of these anti-patriotic Soviet plays.

Izvestia admits that it committed a serious error in the past by printing the opinions of such critics.

At the same time, Alexander Gerasimov, President of the Soviet Academy of Art, names and condemns at least nine art critics. He said they are anti-patriotic and harmful and persecute Soviet painters.

"Unpatriotic art critics who lack a healthy feeling of love for the fatherland and the nation

were unmasked at the recent meeting of the Academy," Gerasimov said.

He especially denounces the art critic, Avram Avros, for slanderously accusing Russian classical and contemporary art of "provincialism."

Avros even went so far as to deny the possible existence of a school of national Russian art.

"Our task consists of conclusive unmasking of formalists and cosmopolitans who, like fawning lackeys, are introduced into our lives by the ugly decadence of the bourgeois West," Gerasimov concludes.—United Press.

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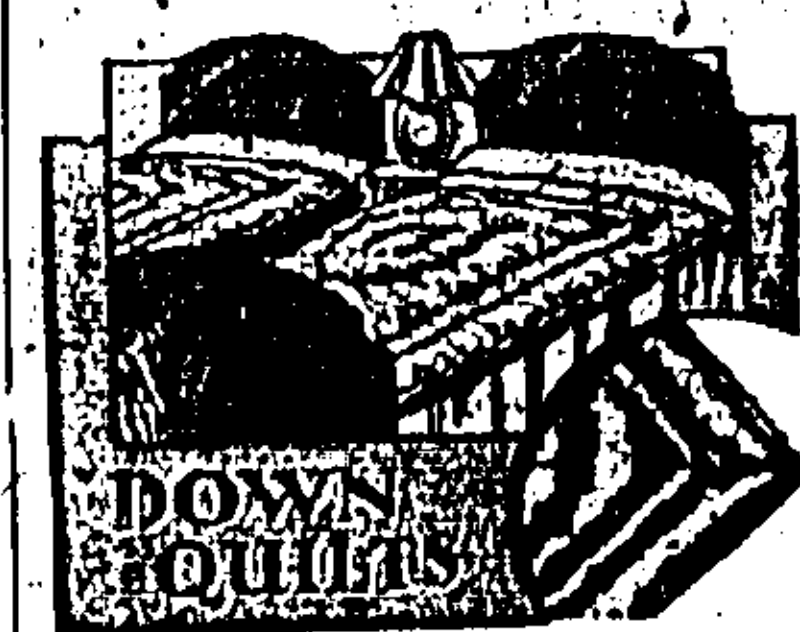
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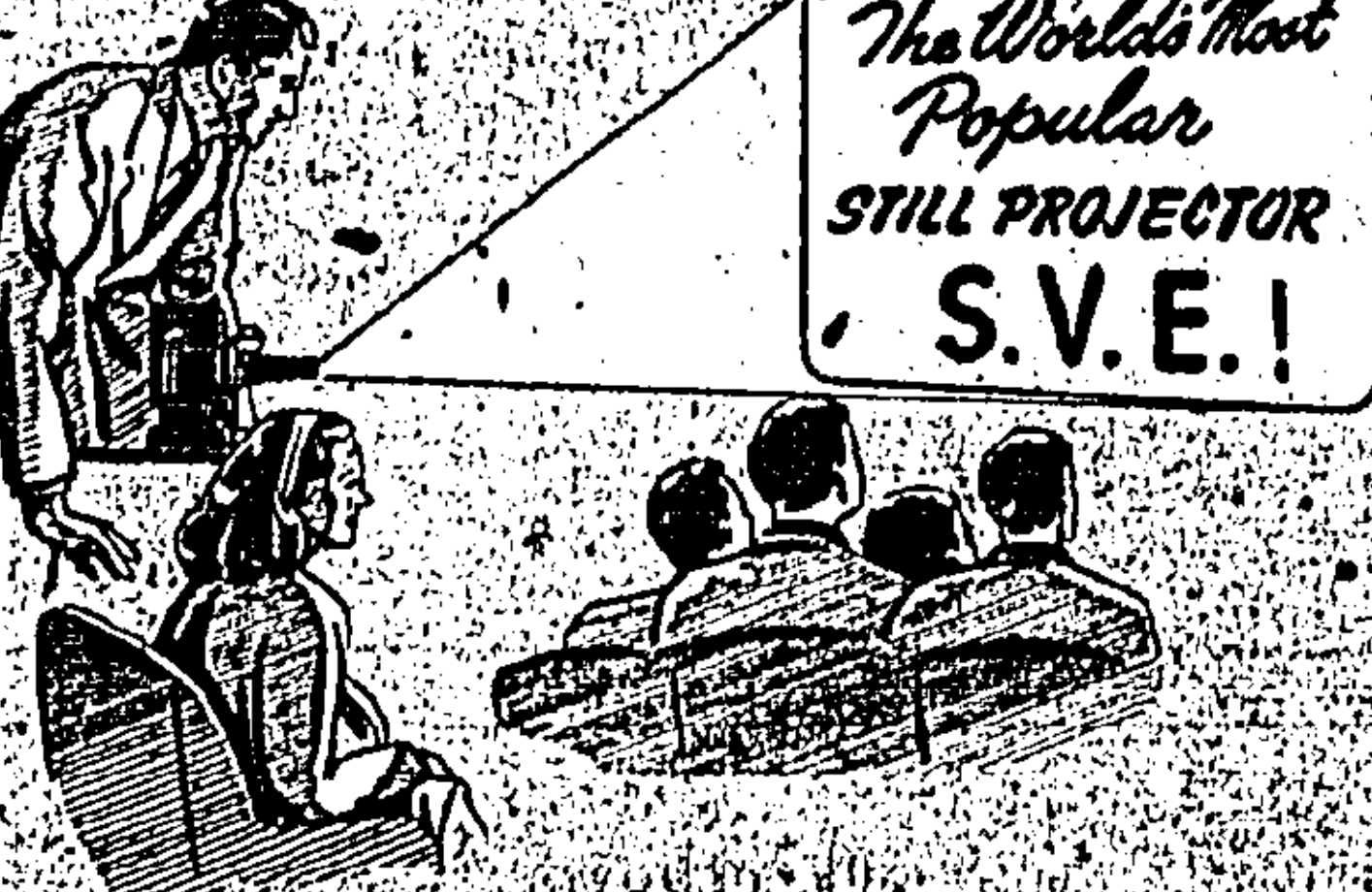
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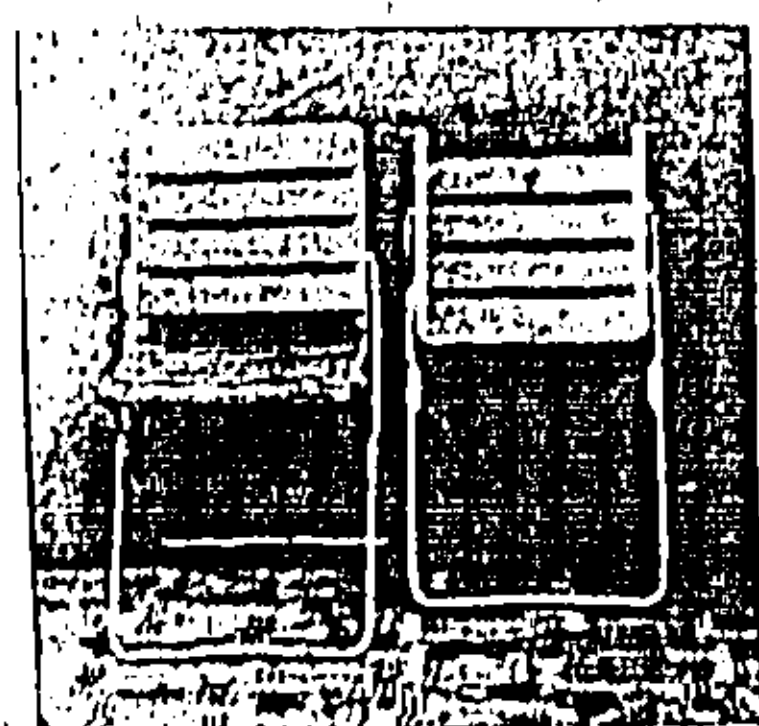
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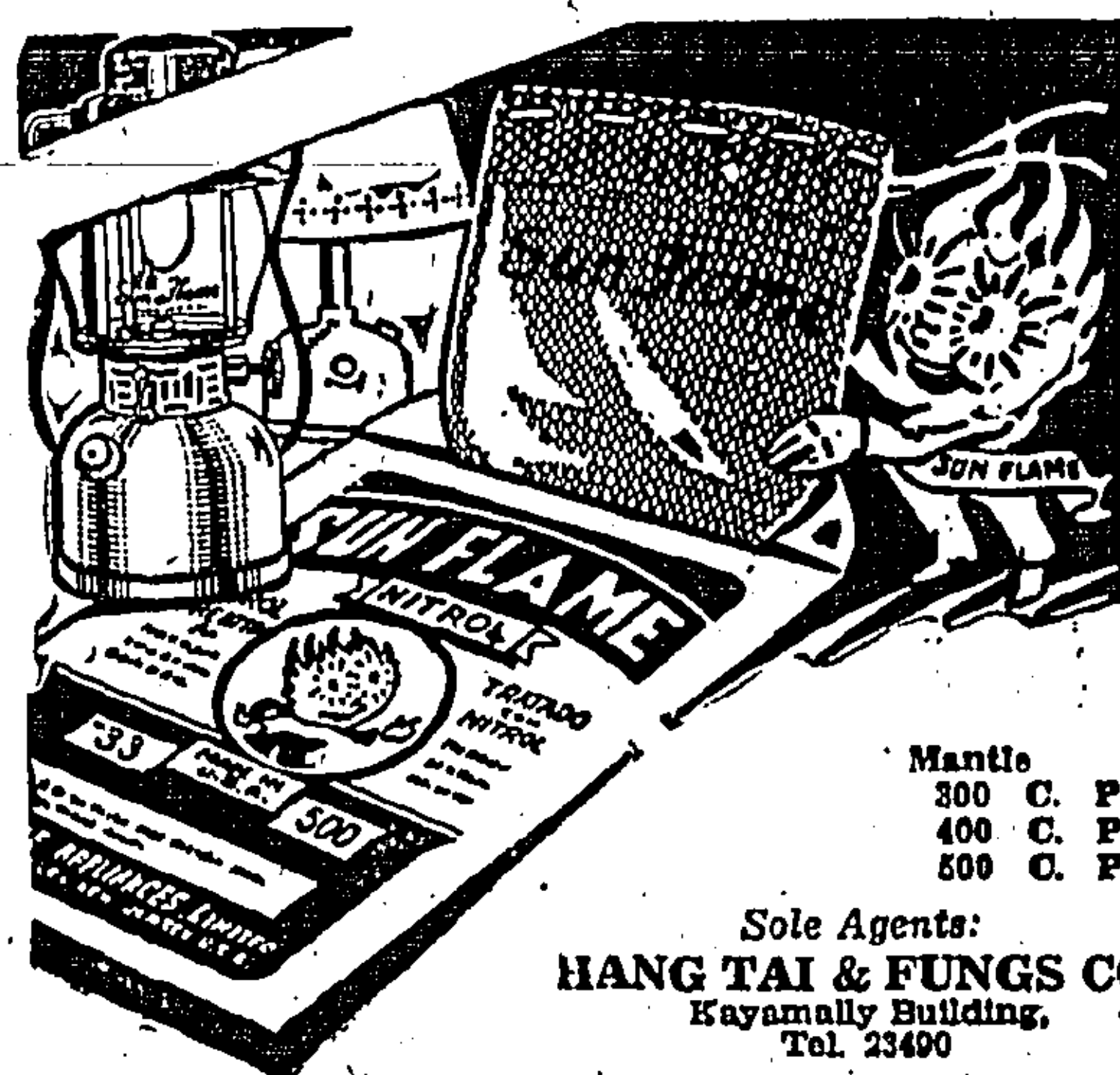
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MEATLESS SUNDAY FOR HERMANN GUENTHER

Hermann Guenther's wife was
cutting up potatoes and carrots
for their meatless Sunday stew
when I knocked on the door of
their little three-roomed cottage
on the Opel Motor Company's
estate at Ruteselsheim, near
Frankfurt.

Their ten-year-old son, a little
peaked and stunted for his age,
was looking out of the window
to see if any of the neighbours
were out with a ball he could
kick around.

A little girl sitting on her
father's knee in a patched and
darned romper suit shyly accept-
ed a chocolate cake I had
brought with me. "That is her
first this year," her mother broke
in.

Reads Protests

Hermann himself was reading
his three-weekly paper, which
carried a big story about British
manufacturers' protests against
German competition and under-
cutting.

"Um Gottes Willen," said Her-
mann, "why don't they leave us
alone. Opel was 40 per cent.
destroyed in the war. Even now
over in the Droppsch plant,
where I work, the rain pours
through the roof."

"We are using our 15-year-old
machines for anything but their
original purposes in order to
keep the production line going."

"Mind you, we are better off
than most. We generate our own
power, and can work six hours.

"Most of the people up in the
Ruhr have to work when the
current comes on, sometimes late
in the evening. Besides, this is
a country district, and we can't
usually get a little extra food."

Hermann and his "kumpels"
are pretty pleased with the 20
pennig-an-hour increase they
got two months ago. He now
gets 1.40 marks (2s. 1d.) an hour
for his 45-hour week; with taxes
and sickness benefits paid he
brings home 54 marks (24 3s.)
every Saturday.

Fifteen shillings goes on rent,
30s. on rationed food for four,
30s. on coal, and 4s. on gas and
electricity.

Only 1,300 of the 10,000 work-
ers are lucky enough to live on
the housing estate. Most of the
others live in single rooms, often
miles away, and must pay 5s. a
week in fares.

Off-the-ration vegetables and
fruit bring the total so far to
about £3 10s.

It costs 10s. to get the chil-
dren's shoes soled, and after 10
years of austerity their clothes
are a mass of patches, the dress-
er has only cracked plates on
it, and the sheets look like patch
work muslin.

Tough Time

Hermann and his wife never
go to a cinema, he seldom has
a smoke, and almost never a
glass of beer. The family has
a tough time.

Yet the Opel "Olympia," a
handily finished, rather tiny
four-cylinder car, sells for 8,000
marks (£400). The German
"People's Car," about which so
much fuss is being made in En-
gland, is a freak vehicle with no
chassis, an outboard motor at
the rear, and a strictly utility
finish.

It sells for 5,300 marks (£260),
and 19,000 were made last year,
mostly for the home market.
Britain exports 20,000 cars a
month.

Together with the four-cylinder
Mercedes, which retails at
£200 marks (£100), all these

By BRIAN CONNELL

cars are 1939 models. Only the
Ford factory at Cologne is re-
tooling for a post-war model.

And these prices can be main-
tained only because much of the
cost of the machinery was can-

celled out by currency reform.
When the worn-out machines
will be replaced and what they
will cost no one knows.

In 1948 Germany exported
600,000,000 dollars' worth of
goods. Essential imports amount-
ed to 1,400,000,000 dollars.

SPLIT IN WORLD UNION WIDENING

London, February 11.

Mr. Albert Edward Monk, Secretary of the Aus-
tralian Council of Trade Unions, announced today
that he had made unsuccessful efforts to con-
ciliate between the British Trade Union Con-
gress and the new Communist-led World
Federation of Trades Unions.

Reconciliation, he admitted,
now appears to him impossible.

His statement is seen by ob-
servers here as paving the way
for later withdrawal of the
Australian and New Zealand
trade unions from the
WFTU but Mr. Monk told
Reuters tonight that he will not
make a definite recommenda-
tion to do so.

Mr. Monk arrived in London
from Paris last week-end on a
mission which is generally re-
garded in trade union quarters
here as a thankless and a hope-
less one from the outset.

He interviewed Mr. Arthur
Deakin, former President of the

Nine-tenths of the gap was
financed by American taxpayers
and one tenth by our own. In
addition is 414,000,000 dollars
Marshall Aid.

These "A" class imports, as
they are called—three-quarters
of them bread grains—are sold
on the German market at the
home price rate, irrespective of
their original cost.

Wheat costing 105 dollars per
ton fetches only 260 marks—80
dollars in Germany. The whole
cost of distribution and trans-
portation is then deducted and
the proceeds paid into a special
fund to be used for future Ger-
man reconstruction.

Subsidy Stops

From March 1 this hidden
subsidy ceases and the full
equivalent will have to be paid
into the fund without any deduc-
tion.

This represents a 50 per cent.
rise in the price of bread alone
and must lead to a rise in wages.

With raw materials on the
same basis German production
costs must soon approximate to
those in other Western coun-
tries.

At the moment the United
States is bearing the task of
keeping Germany alive.

And the German drive to
balance her economy and re-
capture her export markets is
going to cause Great Britain a
lot of trouble.

Behind The Political Scene

U.S. HAS ITS WASTE AND CONFUSION

Mr. Truman has clearly started
something. The now famous
Point Four of his inaugural ad-
dress is the subject of discussion
everywhere.

Outside the United States it is
being too optimistically assumed
that plans already exist in Wash-
ington for financing new develop-
ment schemes all over the globe.

Mr. Bevin, who can be counted
on to be captivated by any scheme
sufficiently vague, took an early
opportunity of praising this part
of the President's speech. He is
unlikely to secure in return any
compliments for his own inimita-
ble attempt to defend his in-
defensible Palestine policy.

Truman's Rabbit

The Foreign Secretary now
commands as little confidence
abroad as at home. Nevertheless,
his swift support of the now
famous Point Four of the new
President's speech is a sign of
the task assigned to him of giving
some reality to what is still just
an aspiration.

In Washington, however, the
origins and character of the rab-
bit which Mr. Truman pulled out
of his inaugural top-hat are
being carefully and rather scap-
tically looked into.

Mr. Truman says that it is his
rabbit, that it has been his since
he announced his "doctrine" of
aid to Greece and Turkey.

On the other hand, there is a
good deal of strongly circum-
stantial evidence to the effect that
recently he instructed the State
Department to provide him with
a "noble project" that was
lending and inspiring, and that
this was the best the department
could do at short notice.

Then there is Mr. Jack McCoy,
president of the World Bank
who remembers sending round to
the White House some time ago a
rabbit of the same colour, whose
arrival, however, was never ac-
knowledgeed.

No-Name Policy

I am sticking to the rabbit
simile in order to avoid another
which sprang earlier to my mind.
During the past year there sprang
into American life an idiom from
one of the nation's most popular
comic strips, an animal named
"Schmoo," which reproduced it-
self on demand to an unlimited
figure and which provided all the
necessaries and many of the
luxuries of life out of sheer love
for the human race.

This allegorical animal captured
the whimsical American imagina-
tion. Fortunately, Mr. Truman
was wise enough at his Press con-
ference to refuse to give a name
to his projected new policy, for
it might—too easily—have been
dubbed the "Schmoo" policy with
the same harmful results which
ensued from popular misinterpre-
tation abroad of Marshall Aid as
a sort of "Operation Panacea."

It must, on the contrary, be
emphasised that a new policy of
assistance by private capital in-
vestment is going to call for more
strict guarantees against misuse
and for more visible "quid pro
quo."

There is a curious paradox to
be found in the choice of this
moment by Mr. Truman to an-
nounce his determination to con-
serve American material resources
and make available to the world
American big business. "Know
how" is a fact that the
country which at present stands
most in need of that know how
is America itself.

Hoover Report

The U.S. Administration has
been called "the most gigantic
business on earth." The expres-
sion is that of Mr. Hoover, the
press on with reforms which if
too long delayed might render
America incapable of preserving
world peace and prosperity.

Within the next 10 days or so
the Hoover Commission will have
issued its final report, and its
publication is certain to cause a
long and fierce political tussle.

Already, in their interim re-
ports, the members of the Com-
mission have shown that the
world's largest business is also the
worst run. They have found
"that the U.S. is paying heavily
for a lack of order, a lack of
clear lines of authority and res-
ponsibility, and a lack of effective
organisation."

They have found that there are
75,000,000 people now drawing
their weekly earnings from the
Federal pay chest, a sufficiently
staggering discovery. They have
found that there are about 70

By ALISTAIR FORBES

different agencies, commissions,
and bureaux "now funneling round
loose" outside control of a de-
partment.

In every department they have
found what they delicately name
a "lack of cost-consciousness."
An example of this is the fact
that there are hundreds of thou-
sands of Government purchases
made annually which actually
cost less than the paper work re-
quired to complete them.

They have found numberless
cases of "empire building" in de-
partments in order to speed pro-
motion to higher pay. They have
found no fewer than 38 Govern-
ment agencies that lend money.
On the ridiculous plane they
have found that the Department
of the Interior employs at least
one man to administer every 23
Red Indians on the reserves.

Millions Wasted

It is reckoned that nearly \$100-
000,000 is being wasted yearly by
duplication and inefficiency in the
Department of Agriculture. The
Department of Agriculture. The
Commission believes that personnel
reorganisation might save the
country another \$500,000,000 a
year.

It will be seen from all this
that America, who insist on
streamlined cars and coffee-pots,
have been making do with the
crackiest and most Heath Robin-
sonian system of central govern-
ment and are continuing to do so
at a time when their country is
shouldering the heaviest burden
of responsibility every placed on
a great Power.

No Centralisation

The President's lack of a cen-
tralised secretariat makes his task
impossible to carry out efficient-
ly. Congress, despite some mis-
givings about its possible loss of
controlling authority, is now to
give the President power to re-
shape his executive.

The President would be ill-
advised were he to reject the re-
commendations of the Commis-
sion in this respect. The need
for a higher Civil Service in the
U.S. is really desperate. At pre-
sent it is a chaotic mass of
decision is ever reached or carried
through in Washington at all.

The Commission's goal has been
to set up a clear-cut chain of
command "from the President to
the last charwoman," but that is
a distant goal. Its achievement
will be opposed by all those who
have managed for so long to keep
their noses in the public trough.

Mr. Hoover is correct in ex-
pecting to hear "cries of anguish"
from all sides when finally he un-
sheathes his axe. It will take all
Mr. Truman's political courage to
press on with reforms which if
too long delayed might render
America incapable of preserving
world peace and prosperity.

As Mr. Hoover has said, this
nation is not able at present to

exert its full strength in either
peace or war. The defence or-
ganisation is still weak, wasteful,
and chaotic.

It would indeed be catastrophic
if Mr. Truman were to yield to
pressure and remove Mr. For-
restal before he had put some
order into the co-ordinated Arm-
ed Services. Just as there is no
centralised statistical system in
America, so is there no centralised
intelligence system.

The unfortunate President is
often left to take vital decisions
in the face of totally conflicting
reports of a given situation. In
the State Department Mr. Ache-
son and his assistant, Mr. Webb,
have a formidable job ahead in
the implementation of the Com-
mission's proposed reforms.

Correcting Abuses

The Commission has found
"much confusion" in this depart-
ment, "largely resulting from a
lack of operational responsibility
below the level of the office of the
Secretary and Under-Secretary."

The effects of the Hoover Com-
mission are bound to be far-reach-
ing. Some of the abuses which it
will aim to correct are of long
standing and are the by-products
of a rigid Constitution based on
separation of powers.

Many others are more recent
and are the legacy of Roosevelt's
careless misadministration. The ad-
ministrative structure of America
requires jolting from the deep rut
in which it has become stuck.

If the Hoover Commission's
report is followed by rapid action
the names of the ex-President and
of the President may turn out to
be the most famous in history. It
is not America will fall down
on the job, and Mr. Truman's in-
augural rabbits will disappear
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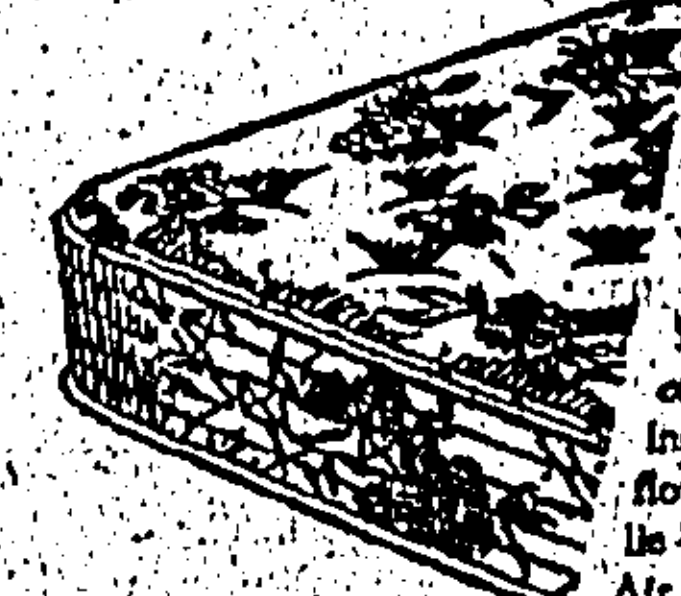
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U.S. NOT WITHDRAWING

Washington Denies Story Of Change In Strategy

BRITAIN FEELS CONCERN

Washington, February 12.

Tokyo reports that the United States will abandon Japan in the event of war, and suggesting that it may soon withdraw its occupation forces, were categorically denied here today.

SHEIKH RESCUES TOMMIES

Tripoli, February 11.

An Arab sheikh and his men saved the lives of 13 marooned British soldiers by struggling through 15 kilometres of snow-drifts in the Tripolitanian desert.

Bu Zeyd, sheikh of a small village near Sirjan, about 120 kilometres south of Tripoli, found the men isolated in the greatest ever snow storm in North West Libya.

Two hundred men of a Guards Brigade, sent to rescue other isolated Army units, worked all night in the lowest-recorded temperature in the area to open a road for relief columns.

An Army survey group was without food and shelter for three days before it was rescued.

Ninety-five persons have died from the cold and an unknown number are missing as a result of the blizzard. It was officially stated today.

Five children and their mothers died on their way from a village school. Some areas are still cut off.—Reuter.

FIRST SINCE THE WAR

Rome, February 12.

The Italian Agency reported from Genoa today that the Neederland Express, the first train since the war to connect the Netherlands and Italy directly, arrived in Genoa on Thursday from Amsterdam.

The train carried 500 passengers bound for Indonesia. They were accompanied by officials of the Netherlands Government.—Associated Press.



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A spokesman of the Army Department declared: "There is no basis for the story whatever." He declined further comment on the report ascribed fairly plainly in American press versions to the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Kenneth Royall.

An official of the Far Eastern Commission declared: "We know nothing about this at all." Although the Commission has no part in the formulation of United States policy, there is nothing to indicate that American policy has changed as drastically as the reports suggest, he said.

The State Department spokesman declined to comment on the report, saying: "That is an Army problem."

Despite the official denial, the report has aroused considerable concern among America's partners in the occupation. Anxious official enquiries have been directed to the State and Army Departments.

There is no attempt to minimise the impact which an American withdrawal would have on British Commonwealth defensive strategy in the South West Pacific.

Australia and New Zealand in particular are vitally concerned in any sign of American waning interest in Japan.

Significance is attached to the fact that the Tokyo reports coincided with a visit to the Pacific area of General Albert C. Wedemeyer, the United States Chief of Planning Operations.

Britain Astonished

Observers in Washington state that there can be no unilateral decision by the United States to end the occupation because she is only one of 11 nations responsible for the occupation.

The decision would have to be an Allied one, and it is said that there have been no discussions with any of the other 10 nations on this question. Nor has there been any new move for a peace treaty, which would be one means of having the occupation forces withdrawn.

Britain is expected to ask Washington what official importance is attached to the reports. The reports, described by one American agency as representing the view of Mr. Royall, were received with astonishment at the Foreign Office in London.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that no official intimation of a policy of withdrawing from Japan has been received by Britain.

Results Would Be Unpredictable

If the views contained in the Tokyo reports are in fact those of the Secretary of the Army, observers in London do not see how an early showdown between Mr. Royall and General Douglas MacArthur, the American Supreme Commander in Japan, can be avoided.

The effects of a public declaration of an American withdrawal policy on opinion in Japan and throughout the Pacific and the Far East would be unpredictable, it is considered in London, particularly in view of the recent Communist successes in China.

Until the degree of responsibility attaching to the reports is firmly established, however, no British official comment is obtainable.

In Honolulu, the Army Secretary said he is confident that the

United States can meet all comers in the event of war in the Far East.

The statement, made in an interview, was a reply to a question regarding Tokyo speculation that the United States may withdraw from Japan in the event of war with Russia.

Mr. Royall is en route to Washington after a tour of Far Eastern points. General MacArthur shares his confidence, and he knows of no plan to materially reduce U.S. troops in Japan, he said.

He does not feel that war is imminent anywhere involving the U.S. "I believe there is a possibility, but it is not imminent."

Asked about Army and Navy retrenchments in the Pacific, Mr. Royall said he favours without reservations the budget limitations on military expenditures for 1950. The most important consideration is preservation of the nation's economy, he added.

Mr. Royall feels that the present disposition of American troops is as good as they can do and gives the proper weight to the world situation without sentiment for or against any locality.

He declared there is no plan to change the Far Eastern commanders. He then commented: "General MacArthur has done a very remarkable job. What we have in Alaska is reasonably designed to take care of the situation as we see it there, but the big problem is lack of facilities."

—Reuter and United Press.

Juke-Box Offends Composer

Los Angeles, February 11. The composer Igor Stravinsky said today in a US\$250,000 damage suit that he does not want his music descending to juke-box level without his permission.

He charged that the Leeds Music Corporation had adapted part of his Firebird Suite into the popular song "Summer Moon", a tune which Stravinsky calls devoid of true musical merit.

Moreover, the composer said, the President of Leeds, Lou Levy, gave a press interview saying that Stravinsky has made a bid for juke-box recognition by adopting his Suite into a torch song to boost his ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) standing.

Leeds' attorney said Levy denied giving the interview and stated that Stravinsky had approved the "Summer Moon" arrangement.—United Press.

Plot Against UN Delegates Uncovered

Seoul, February 12.

Korean Police disclosed a plot to dynamite the Seoul Stadium at a welcoming rally for the UN Commission in Korea later today.

Police Captain Park Poyung said nine men are under arrest. Three others who confessed the plot gave information leading to the apprehension of six more during the night, Park reported.

The officer said the three planned to plant time bombs under the stadium grandstand. They identified themselves as members of the Communist-controlled South Korean Labour Party. Park said the three also admitted they were involved in four to six political assassinations in South Korea during the past year and the shooting of a Seoul policeman.—Associated Press.

BRITISH ENVOY TO MOSCOW

London, February 11.

Sir David Kelly, British Ambassador in Ankara, has been appointed Ambassador in Moscow, the Foreign Office announced tonight.

He succeeds Sir Maurice Peterson, who will shortly retire. Britain's new Ambassador in the British capital will be Sir Noel Charles, former Ambassador to Brazil and Italy, who has recently been serving at the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

Nazi Manoeuvres In Germany

Berlin, February 12.

General Lucius Clay, American Military Governor in Germany, warned today that many former Nazi publishers and other nationalistic elements are plotting to regain control of the German press.

The U.S. Military Government will take steps to spoil their plans, he warned in his monthly report on occupation affairs.

"It is believed that the U.S.-licensed press has now established itself solidly enough physically and financially in order to meet the challenges it must eventually face, if it is to operate as a free element, the report said.

Other comments made by General Clay in his report: "The economic front—progress has been good. The biggest danger inflation but is adequate contracts are believed to have been established.

Denazification—Many people say it was a failure. I think history will prove that letting the Germans handle this affair themselves will carry with it far-reaching effects—we can count on the denazification measures to keep out of office, for a long time, the really bad Nazis.

PHILIPPINES WORRIED BY U.S. POLICY

Manila, February 12.

There is a growing suspicion in the Philippines that those islands on the flank of China once more have been given the role of expendable in the fight against Communism in Asia.

The reports from Tokyo of policy differences between General MacArthur and Washington military planners on the Pacific defence only emphasize the disquietude.

The Philippines, at the crossroads this election year, are badly in need of more than a token reassurance that the United States will stand behind the Republic in case of need.

As matters now stand, the United States has been closing up its installations and is clearing out.

The Army and Naval forces have been cutting to the bone and giving up or inactivating bases that, only two years ago, were leased for 99 years.

Haunting Memories

The removal of the 13th Air Force, inactivation of the naval air stations at Sangley Point and Cavite and the dismantling of the Philippine Scouts are three tangible signs that Filipino defence leaders are not overlooking.

On one hand, they see the tide of Communism sweeping over China.

On the other, they see positive evidence of United States intentions to withdraw further than intended two years ago.

It brings back, literally, haunting memories of Batuan and Corregidor.—Associated Press.

Egyptian Proposal On Negev

Rhodes, February 11.

The Egyptian armistice delegation here today proposed to Israel that Auja, the Southern Negev town captured by the Jews in December, be declared "a neutral zone."

A reliable source told Reuters that the Israelis are now considering the Egyptian request which, if granted, may break the five-day old conference deadlock.

The acting mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, saw leaders of both delegations today in an effort to draw up working paper acceptable to both sides.

The Israelis had asked for more time to consider the Auja suggestion, and United Nations circles do not consider it likely that a joint military session will held on Saturday.

Dr. Bunche said tonight that some progress has been made in the past few days but not nearly enough.

He said he will continue to try his utmost to bring both sides together, and added: "As long as both remain at Rhodes there is still hope."—Reuter.

Programme For Japan

Washington, February 12.

The new economic stabilisation programme for Japan was the principal subject of discussion at the Far Eastern Commission's weekly meeting on Thursday.

No decisions were made, but members indicated they want to make sure that the projected programme does not influence the democratisation programme or prejudice reparations or the level of industry programmes.

The Commission also is considering the disposition of the patent problem in Japan.

Some members indicate that a decision on this matter may be made soon. But they decline to state what the decision will be.—Associated Press.

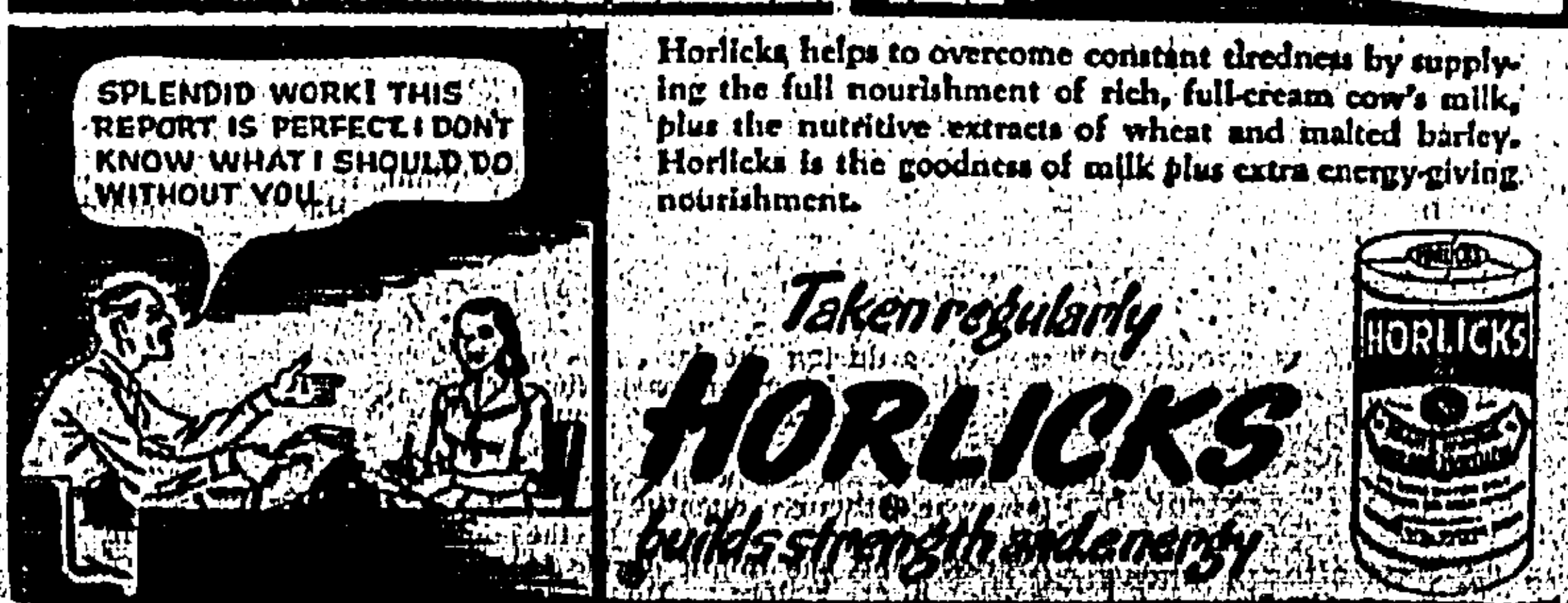
GAMING INQUIRY

London, February 12.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, announced in the House of Commons today that Mr. Henry Jamson Willink, K.C., has been appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission on Lotteries, Betting and Gaming.

Mr. Willink, aged 54, is a former Health Minister who turned his back on politics shortly after he became Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, in 1947.—Reuter.

A GOOD JOB nearly LOST.

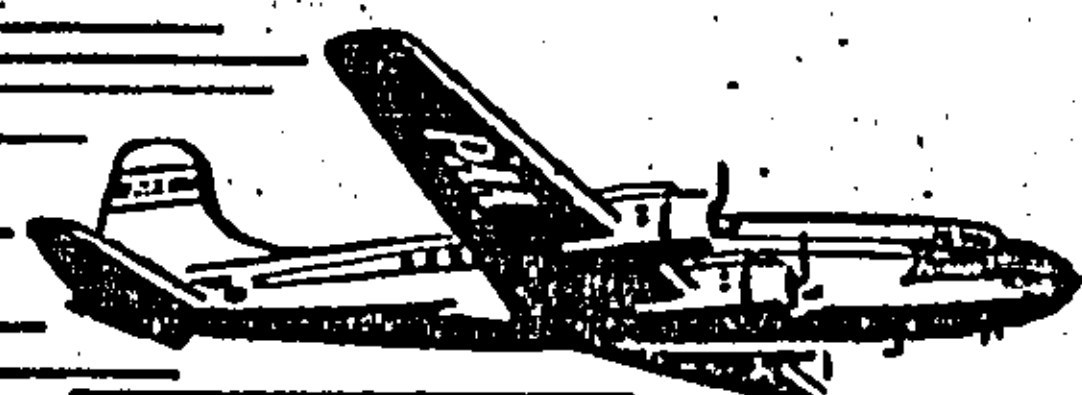


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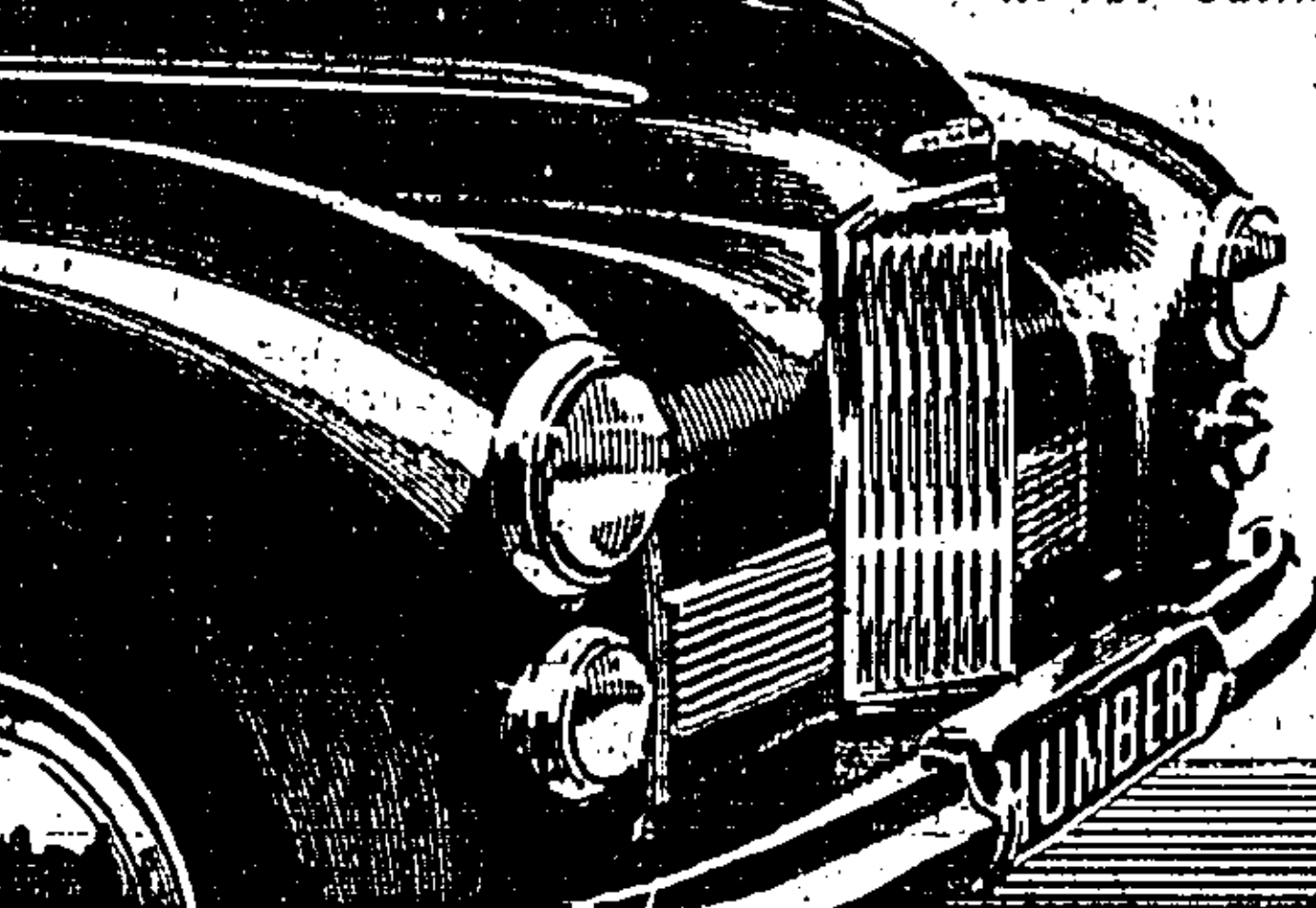
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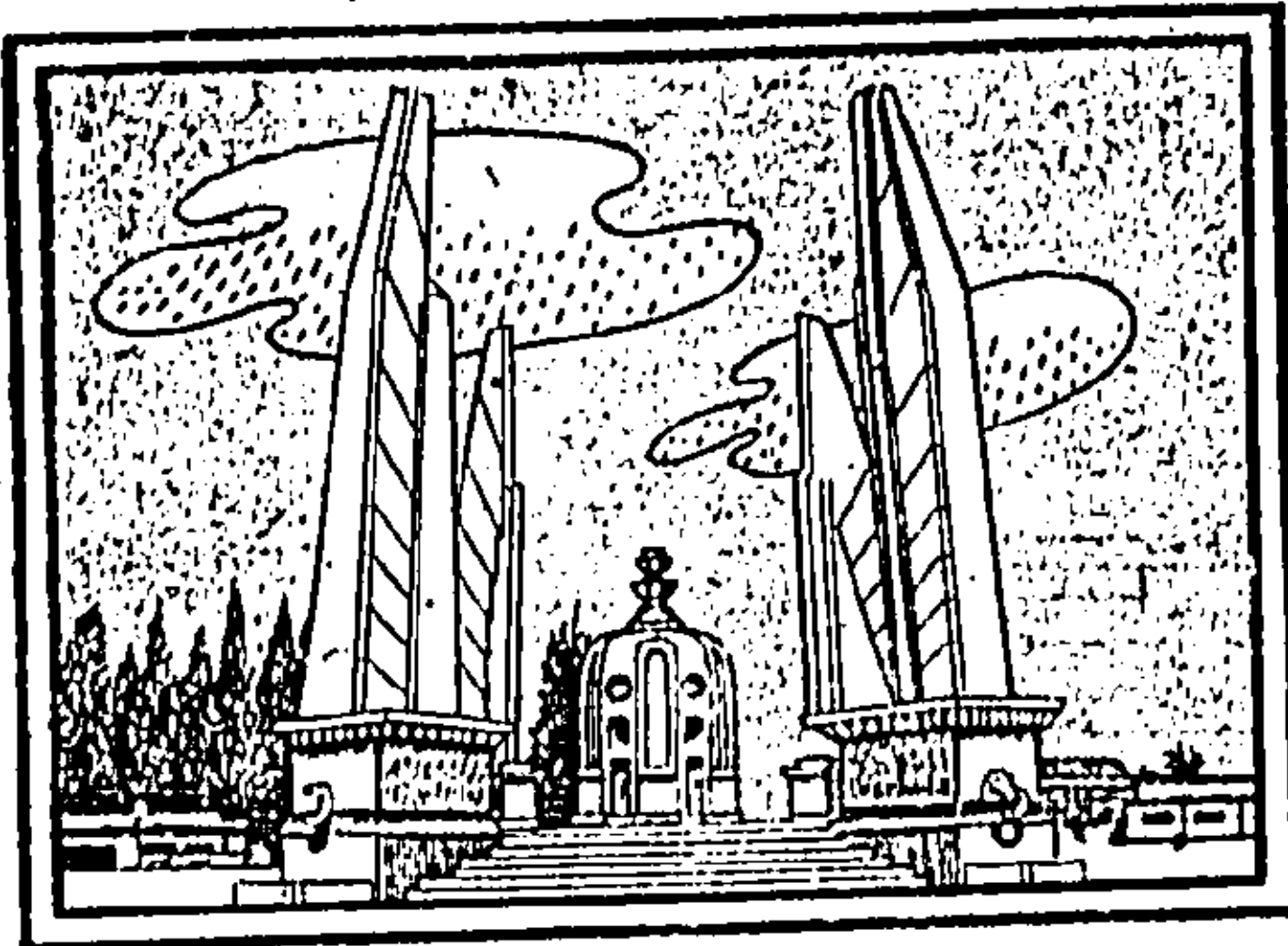
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INVITATION

ALL friends and relatives are cordially invited to the Marriage of Anne Louise Loo to Gustavo Roberto Remedios at St. Theresa's Church on Sunday, 20th February, 1949, at 3 p.m. and to the Reception afterwards at 63, Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

HOTEL RATES

The final product of the Government in its effort to control hotel rates in the Colony while giving due consideration to the position of both sides in the controversy differs little from the final recommendations of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee. The main point of departure is the exclusion of all Chinese-type hotels from any form of control, a decision which gives the impression of evasion of the responsibility for supervision and lacks any other merit. For the rest, there can be little complaint. All the principal foreign hotels emerge from the protracted argument in far better shape than would have been the case had the Government supported the Competent Authority last July in his estimates of what constituted fair charges. Indeed, the substituted figures impose no great sacrifice on the hotels: they conform, very largely, to existing rates while insisting upon a strict relation between the floor area and the price charged, and the provision of the normal amenities. Reasonably, too, much point has been made of the distinction between a transient guest and a permanent resident, and those establishments which prior to the war catered mainly for permanent residents are justifiably tied down more firmly to making similar provisions today than those hotels which traditionally functioned and profited principally by the handling of the transient visitor. The Bill is not by any means perfect, but the points of compromise should not be such as to arouse active hostility from the hotel management. Where there is a possibility of the creation of these should be capable of adjustment between the hotels and the Quartering Authority without the necessity for resort to further legislation. If, for instance, there existed the slightest prospect of rooms reserved for Hong Kong residents lying empty while overseas visitors were being turned away—an extremely improbable development—it would be fantastic to suppose an attitude rejecting the idea of modification of the requirements laid down in the Regulations. If the proposed Ordinance contains serious defects, these lie in the exclusion from control of hotels far more open to accusations of gross profiteering than the majority of those whose names are included in the schedule. Nevertheless, weak as it may seem to be on some points, if it is accepted in principle that the desirability for measures of control could no longer be evaded, the Ordinance goes far towards meeting the problem, without involving serious hardships on the companies most closely concerned.

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For all that the Government has done by way of campaign, it is hard to believe that recruiting for the Hong Kong Defence Force opens in earnest tomorrow. We should, perhaps, as a newspaper, regard it as a tribute to the local newspaper world that the publicity which has been given in the Press to the Ride Scheme and its aims and objects, should be considered adequate, but somehow we suspect that those chiefly concerned are still blind to the extent of "sales resistance." Or, if someone concealing a phrase which sounds like compulsory service up his sleeve?

And Now Who Is To Keep The Peace Of The World

One aspect of the recent events on the border of Israel and Egypt seems hitherto to have escaped notice. It will probably prove to be the most important aspect of all.

For a long time Egypt, under the protection of Great Britain, enjoyed peace. It was a peaceful country, and it was a peaceful country that the British Empire, by cheerfully accepting the taunt of Napoleon that they were a nation of shopkeepers, they did want to be allowed to get on with their business of keeping a shop.

All Busy

With the rights and wrongs of that dispute I am not here concerned. Those who are concerned with them are so fully occupied with seeking a solution that they have overlooked the significance of this extremely significant event. Where the arm of Britain was stretched out there was peace. The arm of Britain is withdrawn. There is war.

This is the first, but it is assuredly not the last, event of its kind. When a mighty Empire crumbles away, as the British Empire seems to be crumbling today, it is not followed by a period of peace and quietness. To expect it to be so is to expect the impossible.

The history of that Empire has never been properly written, and the ideas that exist about it, both in our own minds and in the minds of foreigners, are hazy in the extreme.

There are two schools of thought. One is favourable to the British, the other is hostile. The former would have us believe that the British, inspired by the love of justice and the hope of progress, set forth as a civilisation to carry these twin blessings into the darker places of the earth. The other view, and the one more generally accepted, is that the grasping and greedy English, under the direction of extremely cunning, far-sighted and unscrupulous statesmen, succeeded by plotting, scheming, and, when necessary, waging aggressive war, in establishing this dominion over a vast portion of the earth's surface in order to exploit for their own profit, the unfortunate inhabitants.

Never Wanted

Neither view is correct. The British never wanted an Empire and were surprised when they found they had got one. Chance played a large part in its construction.

Charles II. hadn't married a Portuguese princess, who brought Bombay as her dowry, the English might never have gone to India. If the Khedive Ismail had been able to pay his debts and govern his people the English might never have gone to Egypt.

When Captain Cook presented the vast and beautiful continent of Australia to the British Government they had so little imagination that they used it, at first, only as a penal settlement.

The English never wanted an Empire, but cheerfully accepting the taunt of Napoleon that they were a nation of shopkeepers, they did want to be allowed to get on with their business of keeping a shop.

Shopkeeping, however, becomes impossible if somebody is always breaking the windows and grabbing the goods. Wherever the English were doing business they demanded, therefore, peace, and good government, and where these desirable conditions didn't exist they proceeded to impose them.

By SIR DUFF COOPER

The British attitude towards the world has been explained by Palmerston's celebrated simile with regard to Egypt. He had never wanted Egypt, he said, "any more than any rational man with an estate in the North of England would wish to possess the inn on the North Road." All he could want would have been that the inn should be well kept, always accessible, and furnishing him, when he came, with sherry and port and horses.

The Egyptian inn was ill kept. All the travellers were complaining of the British, having first invited the French to join them and been refused, moved in and took over the management.

They remained there for almost half a century. All went well during that period. Peace and prosperity were the signs of the inn. Travellers found all that they required there and the inhabitants grew rich.

Safe Frontiers

When war devastated so much of the world the frontiers of Egypt were protected and her ancient cities escaped bombardment. So when it was over the Egyptians bid their protectors go and started to make war on their own.

The connection of the British with India is not dissimilar. When they found themselves there, as the result of a marriage settlement, they did not set about founding an Empire, but started a trading company.

Clive, who ended by conquering

the greater part of the vast continent, had no intention of doing anything of the kind when he went there, was not even a soldier. He went there as a clerk in the company's service, with little prospect of ever quitting his office stool.

Conditions in India, however, were such, owing to the decay of a previous empire, that it was quite impossible to do business until order had been restored. So the British restored order, and throughout the years of their occupation they maintained it.

Sword Months

During the few months that have elapsed since the British evacuation more people have fallen by the sword in India than during all the long years of the occupation.

If it is conceded, as it must be, that British intervention in other countries has usually been caused by the failure of the inhabitants of those countries to maintain law and order within their territories, then what they were unable to do in the past they are likely to prove able to do in the future.

Can we believe that within a century or two the intricate art of self-government on democratic lines has been mastered by races far longer than ours—have ignored it?

We, it is true, have tried to teach them that art, giving them an ever-increasing share of governmental responsibility, but nobody can pretend that our task is concluded, and that a form of government that has only within the last century been adopted in the greater part of Europe, with no very brilliant results, is likely henceforth to flourish in the ancient home of the Pharaohs and among the 300,000,000 devotees of the system of Caste.

Civil War?

If it is not certain it is at least probable that the withdrawal of British influence in these and other countries will lead to the revival of tyranny, that tyranny will produce misery, and that misery will produce revolution and civil war. The same circumstances that led to European intervention in Africa, and Asia will arise again. The only difference will be that modern science has rendered nations more dependent upon one another than they were in the past, and a complete internal breakdown in any country becomes an intolerable nuisance, not only to her neighbours but to the whole world. Intervention then becomes a necessity, if painful, duty.

But the question immediately arises: "Who is to intervene?" The answer to that question is likely to prove as fruitful a source of war as are any of the dark clouds that today are threatening the world.

THE URGE FOR SECURITY

Following on President Truman's inaugural, the statements of Mr. Dean Acheson at his first Press conference, emphasising the determination of the United States to bring about in the near future the North Atlantic Pact. Its primary purpose, he said, was to provide proof that the nations taking part in it would jointly resist attack from any country. The pact would fall within the framework of the United Nations. "We believe," he affirmed, "in the rule of law among nations, as among men, and that the United Nations must be strengthened in the task of maintaining international peace and security." His conception that the United Nations stands to gain from the conclusion of regional defensive pacts is warranted by experience.

Two questions remain to be answered—what nations will join in the pact, and what measure of security may each expect to derive from it. May they hope for a reasonable degree of protection against being overrun by a powerful enemy? Or are they to fore as Norway, Denmark, Holland and Belgium fared in the last war, and suffer enemy occupation for years before being rescued?

Liberalised, the answer to this question will depend in part, at least, the answer to the other—viz. what nations will join in the pact. For, had as was German occupation, Russian would be far worse; and its avoidance will be the first care of every nation.

Starting Point

The starting-point of the pact will be seven nations—the United States and Canada on the West side of the Atlantic and the five States of the Brussels Pact on the East. To these it would be desirable to add at least five more—Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and the North and Portugal (with the Azores) on the South. American strategists would add Spain and the Canaries, and, but for the political difficulty over France, that would be a natural addition.

The adherence of Iceland, at least, may be looked for. Geographically she would be at Russia's mercy, if left alone, but perfectly secure, as during the last war, if in British or American protection. But there are elements of doubt in the situation of all the others. Portugal remained neutral in the last war, though eventually was obliged from her use of the (Azores), and she might decide to repeat that policy. Denmark, Sweden and Norway are, perhaps, the crux of the problem. Denmark

the last war they failed to combine, with the result that Denmark and Norway were overrun, while the British Empire, though not a precarious but successful neutral, now they are once more holding talks about combination, but these seem so far to have defined their difference rather than bridged it.

The Northern Group

On paper there are three alternatives before them—(1) to combine with each other under the Anglo-American umbrella; (2) to combine with each other in an independent defensive alliance; (3) not to combine at all. But the only alternatives are the first and third. The second may be ruled out, because the Scandinavian countries have neither the war material which they would need for defence, nor the manufacturing resources which they would need to replace it. They would have to obtain their material from Britain or the United States, and those countries would not grant it to nations which had spurned their offer of co-operation.

BY SCRUTATOR

The Scandinavians must therefore either come into the North Atlantic Pact, or stand isolated and helpless, as they stood on the outbreak of the last war. Denmark and Norway, which then suffered, did not want to repeat the experience of 1940-45, but Sweden, which did not, is of a different mind. Her attachment to neutrality is strengthened by a special argument. She believes that, if she joined what Russia would regard as an anti-Russian combination, the Soviet would retaliate by subjecting Finland to the same treatment as Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and the rest. The Swedes would feel that deeply, as they have extensive interests in Finland, including a personal interest in the large minority of Finlanders who are of Swedish descent. Russia has so far treated Finland with a certain degree of forbearance, but she is believed to regard her as a hostage for Sweden's behaviour.

It will be a great pity if local considerations deter her from joining the Pact because the Pact's efficacy as a deterrent against Russian aggression and the launching of another war will be diminished by every nation which is not a member. It is the combination of these factors that Sweden moves on.

should remain possible for Denmark and Norway to come in. They are much less exposed geographically to Russian invasion than they were to German, and would be in serious danger only if the Russians overran the British zone of Germany. The zone, however, is not at present defended in sufficient force, and one of the most essential conditions for Britain must make if the Pact is to succeed is to expand considerably its fighting strength there.

These matters are urgent; for the winter is already advanced, and beyond it we cannot rely upon Russian policy. It is important that by early summer at latest the organisation of Western Europe should have gone far enough to constitute a really formidable defensive block. If it has not, there will be a strong temptation to the Soviet to nip the scheme in the bud by an early attack. With their blockade of Berlin, the Russians have it within their power to create a situation in which we might be compelled to precipitate a conflict at a militarily unfavourable moment, and upon diplomatically unfavourable ground.

Brussels Powers

The nucleus without which the rest must fall consists of the five so-called Brussels Powers. In London the five Foreign Ministers held another of their periodical meetings, and the statement issued at the close of it showed them to have covered a wide field of work. In part they were concerned to secure unity of action regarding current international problems, e.g., the recognition of Israel. Another part of their talks was given to discussing further developments of European unity; and upon the second session of a Consultative Assembly they reached a compromise resolution. On such questions it must be remembered the Brussels Powers speak with no absolute authority; for the contemplated European Union, if it is to achieve its ends, must embrace many other nations.

The overriding duty of the five Ministers is defence. They will have had before them reports from the Defence Ministers. These can naturally not be communicated to the public. It can be seen, however, that the Air Force, the Army's Regulars and the Territorials are all much below strength. Nobody but Parliament can really remedy that situation, and as yet Parliament has not taken any action. The sooner it is, the better. The winter moves on.

CHILLY FOR MACARTHUR

Richard Hughes Surveys The Criticisms

At 69 years of age—as the fourth year of the Occupation of Japan begins, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur faces the first serious chill of official criticism of his benevolent autocracy from the United States.

"The Old Man" has always had his critics—often unjust, envious or downright lying. His flamboyance and showmanship, his dogmatism and sense of destiny, his florid utterances and his sensitivity to criticism, all combined to encourage the very burbed attacks which he was most vulnerable to.

Like many other dynamic military leaders, the spectacular qualities that helped make him a great soldier in war exposed him to criticism in peace.

Historically, his daily lunchtime departure from the GHQ office to the American Embassy is certainly still the best individual show in Tokyo.

All Traffic Halts

From before 2 p.m., the crowd of Japanese and American soldiers begins to gather on the wide sidewalks outside the imposing entrance to the white-pillared Dal Ichi building overlooking the mirrored moat, twisted pines and ancient walls of the Imperial Palace.

At approximately 2.30 p.m., down the steps, amid a hush broken only by the clicking of cameras, descends the great man in gold-brided cap and simple uniform, the five silver stars glinting on his shoulder.

He snaps a salute, strides across the pavement, enters his black car and sweeps off, with Honour Guard keeps of armed MP roaring in attendance.

By some miracle of timing, all traffic is halted from the time the elevator-light gleams from the sixth floor to announce his coming, until his limousine has swung around the busy intersection of Rikkyu Park, a block from the Dal Ichi building, where trams, buses, taxis, rickshaws, bicycles and pedestrians are patiently banded up at four corners and the MP and Japanese policemen on point duty are transfixed in an ecstatic salute.

Some mystical radar continues to herald his progress on the two-mile run to the Embassy, ensuring that every street traffic light along the route is green, that every policeman is frozen to attention in awed salute as the limousine and Honour Guard sweep by.

This astonishing daily performance has always helped the MacArthur-baiters. But MacArthur could always afford to ignore this superficial and largely anonymous criticism. His over-zealous, over-loyal inner officers, surrounding, isolating and insulating him like an idolatrous brass curtain, immediately fanned his every directive as a successful and inspired accomplishment, no matter how skilfully the Japanese leaders circumvented or evaded it.

Officers Being Recalled

Now, unhappily and unfairly, this excess of adulation and acclamation appears to be stimulating, in reverse, real and serious criticism of MacArthur, his policies and his methods in Washington.

The evidence had lately been plain and clear to see. Since the influential mission headed by

Under-Secretary of the Army, Draper last year investigated Occupation methods, many of MacArthur's social experiments and industrial deconcentration plans, initiated by his so-called "New Deal" boys, have been painfully killed or radically modified and revised.

His long-service staff officers, being recalled to the United States against his wishes.

"The Army and States Department in Washington, acting in concert, have issued an order directing him to ensure that the Japanese Government carries through a stringent 'austerity' programme to curb inflation and hasten rehabilitation.

This order has been followed by the appointment of Joseph Dodge, the Detroit Bank president as financial adviser to MacArthur with diplomatic rank as Minister.

The staggering series of grave financial scandals, uncovered by the Japanese police, which disclosed an arrogant and extensive conspiracy of public and parliamentary corruption, which (at the best) was unsuspected by the Occupation, or (at the worst) was shared by some Occupation officers, noticeably shook Allied confidence in the thoroughness of MacArthur's supervision over Japanese affairs.

Chill Winds Of Doubt

Gossip here openly links some of this change of official opinion with the retirement of Joseph Dodge, the Detroit Bank president as financial adviser to MacArthur for some time, and of whose personal popularity MacArthur was reputed to be jealous.

Whatever the causes, and however fair or unfair this unwelcome new criticism, there is no doubt that the first chill winds of doubt from Washington are beginning to whistle about MacArthur's ears.

Rumours Were Wrong

His future must be considered in the light of this unaccustomed official doubt and criticism—however decent and reticent, at the moment.

Now it would seem that the only choice confronting him is the choice of continuing in his present position or retirement like Marshall and Eisenhower.

Any other conceivable move from the post of Supreme Commander would be demotion.

Evasion Of Jute Ban

New Delhi, February 11. The Indian Government is investigating alleged breaches of the ban on the export of Indian jute goods to South Africa, the Minister of Commerce, Mr. K. C. Negy, told Parliament today.

Reports that jute goods have reached South Africa from Italy, Singapore and Hong Kong are being checked to see whether Indian exporters have been responsible, he added.

Jute exports to Hong Kong and Singapore have been restricted and five firms in India, suspected of engaging in such activities, have been black listed, he said.

Two firms in the United States, one in San Francisco and the other in New York, have also been black listed.—Reuter.

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BRITISH TRADE WITH CHINA

BARTER TRADING WITH REDS

Shanghai, February 12. The departure today from Shanghai of the steamer Greater Shanghai for the Red-held port of Chinwangtao is expected to signal the inauguration of regular barter trade between Government and Communist areas.

The Chinese Reds approved arrangements for the exchange of 100,000 tons of coal piled up in Chinwangtao for 300,000 bags of flour. The Chinese-British Kailan Mining Administration's head office in Tientsin arranged the deal with the Reds. Kailan offices in Shanghai reveal that although strictly censored, the Kailan company is still maintaining radio communications between Tientsin and Shanghai.

The Greater Shanghai is taking an initial cargo of 30,000 bags of flour, returning in about eight days with 5,000 tons of coal. Other vessels provided by Shanghai shippers will carry the remaining 5,000 tons of the first consignment.

Six Shanghai shipping firms' officials will make the first voyage on the Greater Shanghai despite instructions from the Reds to bring only flour.

A request to send 1,500 bags of mail to Red China was refused. Officials, however, have hopes of getting permission to land.

A spokesman of the Kailan office here told the United Press that as far as it is concerned its only job is to arrange permission to trade flour for coal. Their primary interest is obtaining flour to pay the miners. The flour purchases are guaranteed by the Central Bank of China. On arrival here, the coal will be handled by the joint sales office of the Kailan-Huainan-Huaitung-Kailan mines paying the proceeds of the Central Bank. —United Press.

GOOD OUTLOOK IN THE NORTH

London, February 11.

Representatives of important British interests in China approached the Foreign Office this week and stressed the unwisdom of any action which would be provocative to the Chinese Communists.

The British representatives told the United Press: "We have maintained almost day to day contact with the Foreign Office and stressed that we would strongly deprecate any action likely to provoke the new Chinese regime."

"We have been assured by the Foreign Office that everything possible will be done in this respect."

A spokesman for one representative body said that reports from most of the North China centres are very encouraging. He cited the reopening of the British-American Tobacco Company in Tientsin and added: "We hope that before long British banks in North China will be allowed to reopen for business."

Business interests indicate that they had long anticipated the Communist domination of North China, and adequate preparations have been made. As an example, they cited the British-owned Kailan mines, back in full production in the Communist government territory. The only protest made by the British was against the Communist bombardment of its port facilities at Chinwangtao.

Recognition Of Mao

Some British business representatives are believed to be making every effort in their contacts with the Foreign Office to assure full British recognition of the Mao Tse-tung government.

A representative of one of the biggest commercial interests in China said: "Why should we make any mention of stationing British troops to protect British interests anywhere in North China?"

"So far there is little evidence that such action is necessary and I do not think it will be necessary unless the Chinese are provoked."

Some sources indicate the be-

Agnes Smedley Appeals To President

New York, February 11. Agnes Smedley, writer accused by the Army of being a Russian spy, today asked President Truman to intervene to help her clear her name.

Miss Smedley's letter to the President asked: "Either make General MacArthur apologize to me or else make him waive his immunity so I can sue him for libel. This attack is as much of a red herring as the statements of the House Committee on Un-American Activities which you denounced during your recent campaign." —United Press.

Alleged Spy In Canada

Ottawa, February 11. An alleged spy, Sam Carr, was brought to Ottawa by Royal Canadian Mounted Police today to face charges of conspiring to divulge official Canadian secrets to Soviet Russia.

Carr, deported from the United States, crossed the international border at Prescott, Ontario. He was escorted by the police to Ottawa and taken to jail and will appear in a magistrate's court tomorrow on a nominal charge of conspiracy to obtain a forged passport.

Carr disappeared in 1945 after the Russian cipher clerk, Igor Gouzenko, uncovered the Soviet espionage ring in Canada. The Royal Commission appointed to examine spy activities in 1946 named Carr as the main cog in the wheel of undercover activities. Carr, a former Canadian Labour Party member, came to Canada from Russia as a youth. He returned there in 1929 to study at the Lenin Institute in Moscow. He became a naturalized Canadian in 1931. —United Press.

EISENHOWER RECALLED BY MR. TRUMAN

Washington, February 12.

President Truman announced today that General Dwight D. Eisenhower will serve temporarily as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The White House gave no explanation. The announcement was made through Mr. Eden A. Ayers, assistant Presidential press secretary.

"The President announced today that arrangements have been completed whereby General Dwight D. Eisenhower has been assigned temporarily as principal military advisor and consultant to the Commander-in-Chief (the President) and the Secretary of Defence (Mr. Forrestal)."

"In this capacity, he will sit in the meeting of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and act as presiding officer."

"Out of consideration for General Eisenhower's other commitments, it is planned that this arrangement will be of relatively short duration."

Mr. Ayers said he can answer no questions when asked why General Eisenhower is being asked to preside over meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Speculation

The former Chief of Staff and leader of American forces in Europe in World War II is now on temporary leave from the Presidency of Columbia University.

A reporter asked Mr. Ayers if there is any worsening of the international situation that brought the designation about.

Mr. Ayers said not to his knowledge. There is speculation that General Eisenhower's job is to settle some differences of opinion among the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which is made up of the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, who is President Truman. —Associated Press.

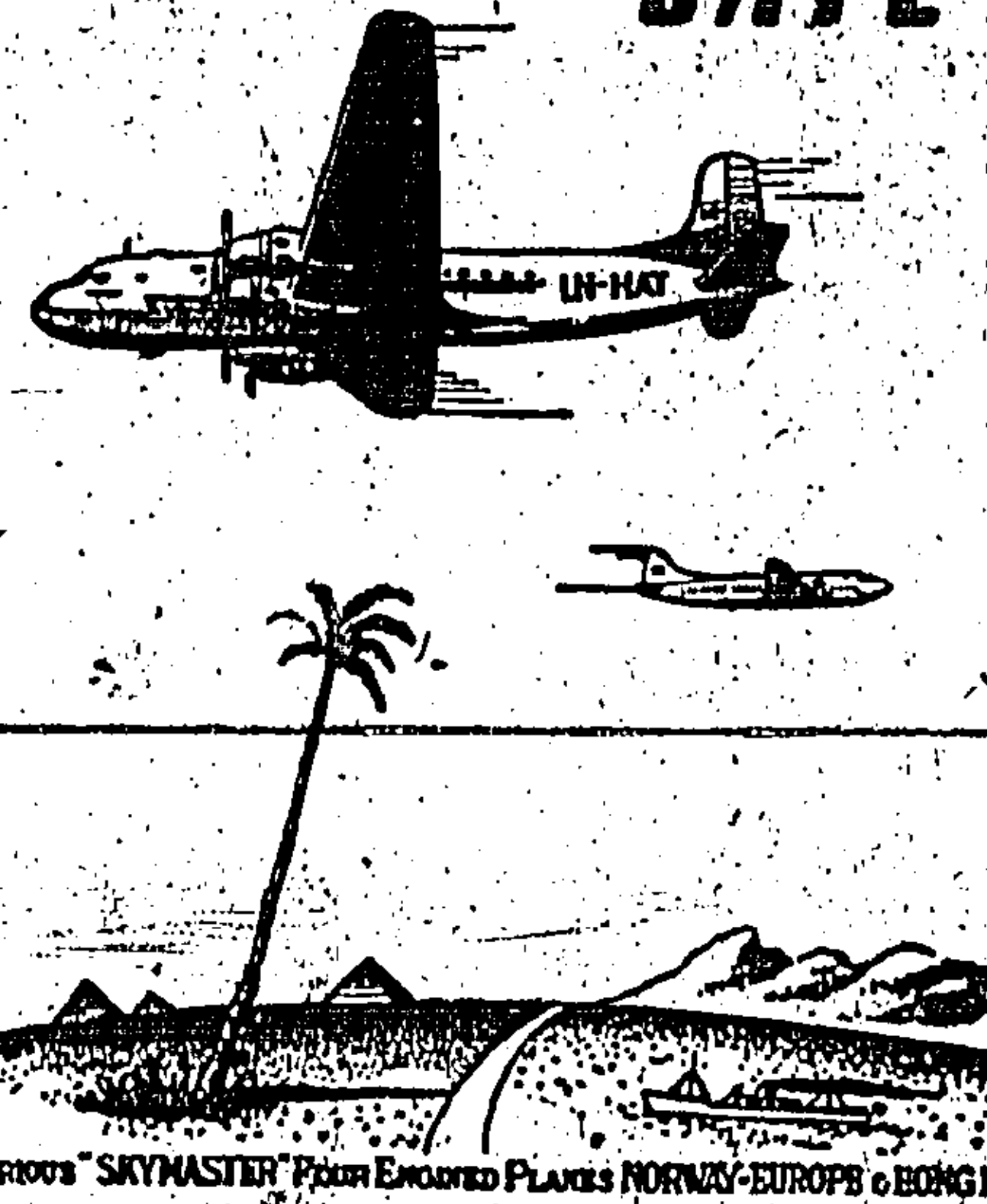
In accordance with custom, the subject of President Truman's address will not be announced. —Reuter.

NEW PAL LINE TO SYDNEY

Manila, February 12. The Philippine Civil Aeronautics Board has approved the Philippine Air Lines' application to fly a regular service from Manila to Sydney.

The PAL route between the Philippines and Australia will include stops at Palembang, Sumatra, and Darwin. The line expects to make the inaugural run in late February. —United Press.

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Russian Claim To The Antarctic

London, February 11.

Observers here are speculating whether the Soviet Union intends to equip an Antarctic expedition after her claim to rights in the Polar areas based on voyages by early 19th-century Russian explorers.

A Foreign Office spokesman stated that Moscow has not approached Britain through diplomatic sources asking to take part in exchanges about disputed Antarctic territory.

Russia is not among the interested governments to which the United States has put up a plan for joint administration to end rival claims advanced by Argentina and Chile against Britain. Diplomatic observers think it probable that Moscow will press its interests if there is any further attempt to end this rivalry.

Mr. L. P. Kirwan, Director of the Royal Geographical Society, stated today that Britain has always appreciated the role played by Russian navigators in discovering Antarctic territory. But it was not until 1831-10 years after the voyages—that anything was published about them, and Beilinson himself

made no claim to discovery of the Antarctic, Mr. Kirwan added.

A meeting of the All-Union Geographical Society in Leningrad today adopted a resolution saying that Russians first discovered and explored the Antarctic, and Russia therefore should demand a voice in the establishment of an Antarctic regime.

The resolution added that any settlement without Soviet participation is invalid and will not be recognised by the USSR.

Prominent Soviet geographers such as the Academicians, L.C. Berg and Vladimir Vize, and others denounced American efforts to regulate Antarctic affairs, and submitted claims that Soviet explorers got there first.

Pravda, Izvestia and other papers devoted a full-page to the Leningrad Antarctic discussions. —Reuter and United Press.

De Matos Withdraws

Lisbon, February 11.

General Norton de Matos, Opposition candidate at next Sunday's elections for the Portuguese President, tonight announced that he has decided to withdraw.

The 51-year-old candidate was the only man in the field against 78-year-old President Antonio Oscar Salazar. During the lively election campaign, General Norton de Matos declared he would withdraw as Opposition candidate unless the election is absolutely free.

The Ministry of Home Affairs stated just before noon today that the Portuguese Government has taken steps to ensure free voting.

The announcement is made in a brief communique which says that General de Matos will hand the High Court tomorrow a statement announcing his withdrawal as candidate because he had not received from the Government sufficient guarantees of the seriousness of the next elections. —Reuter.

North Korea Application

Lake Success, February 12. The Soviet-sponsored government in Northern Korea yesterday applied for membership in the United Nations.

This Government, known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was indirectly condemned by the recent General Assembly in Paris as an illegal regime.

The Assembly, on the other hand, urged UN members to recognise the Republic of Korea, the Government in the U.S.-occupied zone, as the only lawful Government in Korea.

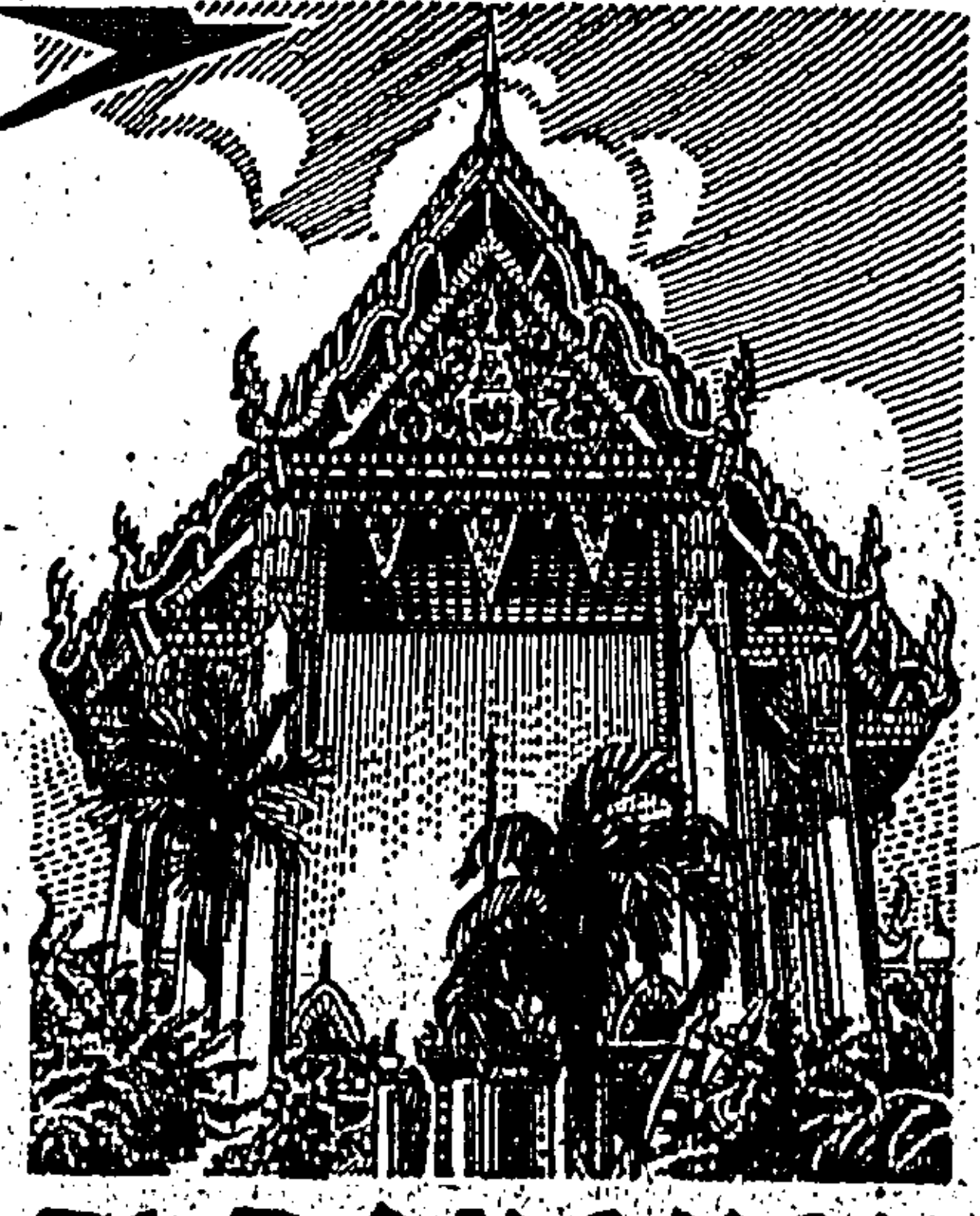
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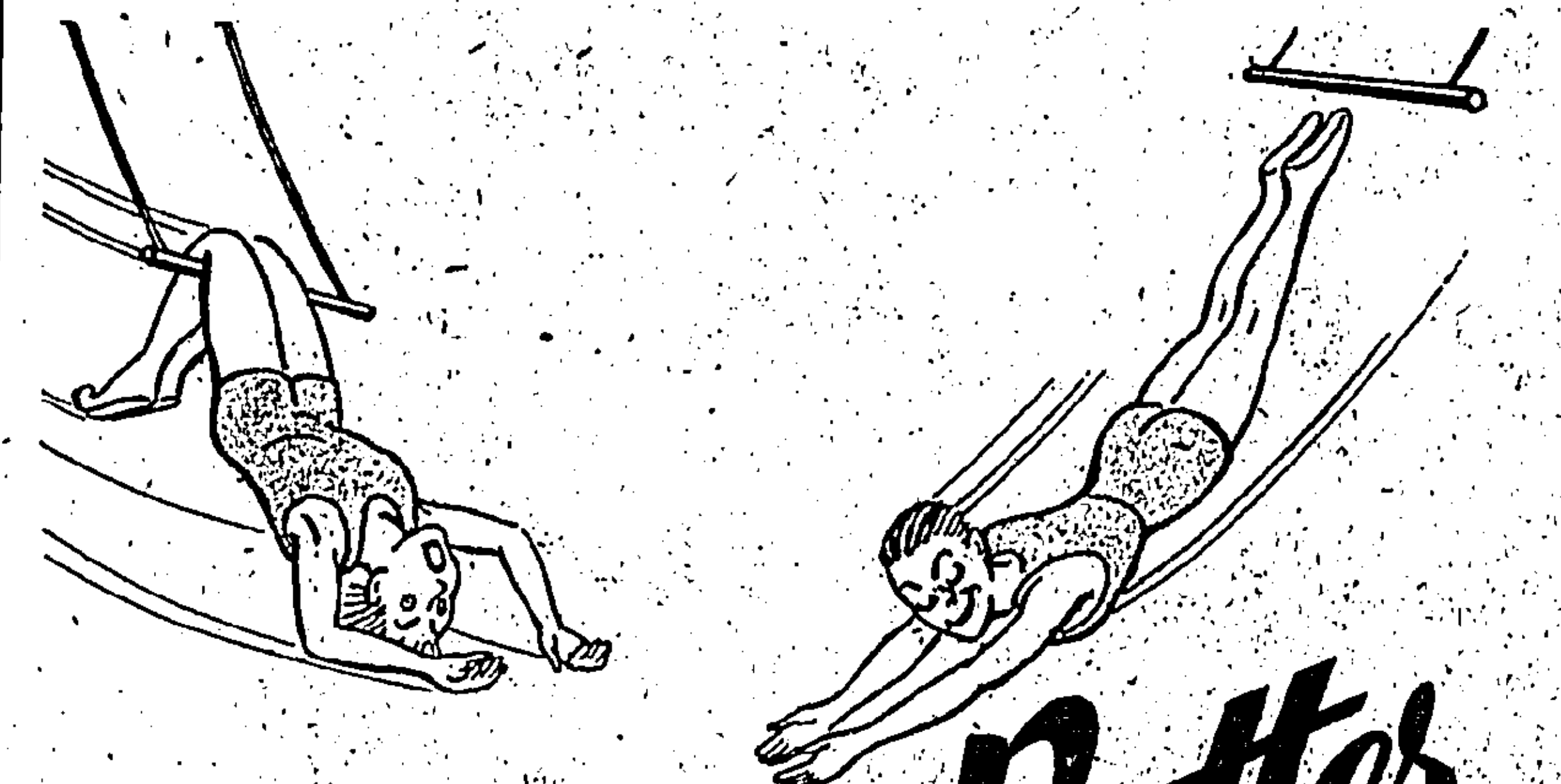
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RAF MORALE: THE ROT IS BEING STOPPED

By Richard Norton

If the present "few" of RAF Fighter Command were called upon to dare all against a swarming multitude of enemy aircraft, as they did in 1940, would they answer the call?

Would to-day's bomber crews again thrust through the hideous night to the heart of enemy territory?

Undoubtedly they would. Then why all this talk of morale being low?

For the answer it is necessary to draw a sharp distinction between low morale and what the psychiatrists describe as "lack of moral fibre."

The air discipline of the RAF is as high now as ever it was. Their "moral fibre," which is another way of saying fighting spirit, is unimpaired. It is the pride of the non-flying "other ranks" in their service which has gone.

They lack discipline and esprit de corps and consequently, without the stimulus and inspiration of war, can find no impetus for the routine drudgeries of their daily task.

For All To See

The more serious aspects of the general lowering of morale are apparent only within the RAF itself, but the general symptoms of the disease can be seen by the public in the streets of our towns and cities.

Has anyone ever seen—can anyone even imagine—a Guardsman walking down the street with his hands in his pockets and his cap tucked beneath the shoulder strap of his tunic?

No one would be more horrified at such a spectacle than the Guards themselves.

Yet members of the Royal Air Force make this an almost daily practice. Far from being horrified, they are almost proud of what they consider their uninhibited ways and are deeply resentful when the much-maligned military policeman swoops.

The history of this attitude goes back to the early days of the war. In 1939, the RAF was a small, efficient, highly-disciplined, crack force.

Root Cause

Because of the efficiency of its personnel, it was possible to expand the few score thousands into a million.

In 1940, the decision was taken that all air crews who were not commissioned were to be given the automatic rank of a senior N.C.O.

Now, the N.C.O. is the backbone of any fighting Service, and it is largely on him that the general standards of discipline depend. But the thousands of N.C.O. air crews were concerned, in 1940, only with the business of flying and getting to grips with the enemy.

Their behaviour in the air was superb; their behaviour on the ground was that of carefree youngsters extracting the maximum enjoyment from life while they were still one jump ahead of death. It was not reasonable to expect it to be otherwise.

But their cheerful disregard for the impeccable standards of dress and decorum that should have gone with their rank undermined the authority of the N.C.O.s in the ground trades, and slackness spread throughout the ranks.

While there was a job to be done and a war to be won, this comparatively little effect on the efficiency of the Service as a whole. When the war ended, and

everyone, myself included, had one eye on the calendar and the other on their demobilisation number, the situation changed.

Most of the pre-1939 N.C.O.s and officers, who could again have taken a firm grip on the diminished Service, were either dead, promoted beyond direct contact with the ranks, or retiring with their Service time expired.

There was bound to be a time-lag before others could be trained to take their place, and it was in this period that morale dropped steeply.

Fortunately, the damage done is not irreparable. I am convinced that the fighting spirit of the RAF and its efficiency in the air remain unaffected.

Give them a job to do, such as the Berlin Air Lift, and they will do it magnificently. This is a task operationally and technically as difficult as anything that arose during the war and our "no good" peace-time RAF has taken it in its stride.

'Browned-Off'

The effect that lowered morale has had, however, has been to reduce the overall efficiency of the Service. The men who lack the stimulus of a Berlin Air Lift become disgruntled and dissatisfied, or, in Air Force language, "browned off." These are too many aircraft remain unserviceable for too long.

Complaints about lack of "married quarters, slow promotion, inadequate pay, apparently futile and pointless duties—these are widespread and well known.

But, while they are of the utmost importance to the individuals concerned, they are almost routine grievances, in lesser degree, perhaps, in any Service and for that matter, in some branches of civil life.

They are not so much a cause as, in their present prevalence, a symptom of that lowered morale which even the Service chiefs no longer attempt to deny.

Yet there is no cause for undue alarm. The men who guide the destinies of the RAF with Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder at their head, are aware of the situation and the circumstances which created it.

There is evidence to indicate that they know what to do about it—and are doing it.

Britain will never be able to afford or obtain a big peacetime Air Force composed of regular officers and airmen. The task confronting the Service chiefs is to build up a comparatively small, but highly efficient force similar to that which existed in 1939.

When this force has been created, pride in their Service will return to the men. With a solid foundation of professional airmen of all ranks and trades, skilled, disciplined and efficient, on which to build, the problem of training National Servicemen, employing them profitably and convincing them that their 18 months with the RAF is not a waste of time, will vanish.

But morale will not be restored by less discipline and more bedside lamps. More discipline, together with better conditions of service, is the formula.

Putting It Right

Discipline throughout the RAF is now being tightened up; at the same time welfare services and amenities are being improved. And already there are signs that the rot is being stopped.

Cranwell College, the RAF "university of the air" for officer training, has been reorganised, and a new officer corps is being built up. The aircraft apprentices' school at Halton is passing out a regular flow of graduates, who will be the technician N.C.O.s and officers of to-morrow. The whole RAF training system is being overhauled to meet the requirements of the future.

The structure of the RAF's reorganisation is beginning to take shape. The start is belated, but what I have seen of the work in progress convinces me that the answer to the question, "What is wrong with the RAF's morale?" is: "Nothing that cannot be put right; nothing that is not being put right now."

DUTCH IN A DILEMMA

The solid, sane, and law-abiding Dutch are considering whether to defy the whole world.

The world, in the shape of the Security Council, has condemned them for their conduct in Indonesia. Last Friday night the Council voted a scheme for handling the Indonesian troubles which the Dutch, with their special knowledge and experience, consider ridiculous and unworkable.

Double Choice

So today Holland feels she is facing this dilemma:

A. Simply refuse to accept the United Nations ruling and defy the world, or

B. Let her rich and ancient empire be lost to her in a welter of chaos.

Here in Holland itself there is

By ALEXANDER CLIFFORD

an extraordinary firmness and unanimity about the attitude. Conscience is absolutely clean. The Dutch feel malignant and vindictive and misanthropic, but never for one moment do they feel in the wrong.

The more internationally minded, including several men in the Government, are beginning to admit that the Dutch have been guilty of tactlessness, mistiming, mad psychology, and bad propaganda in handling the affair. But they do not feel that that alters the basic justice of their cause.

The Dutch, just as much as UNO, want to transfer sovereignty to the "United States of Indonesia" in 1950. And it is impossible to doubt their sincerity because they so obviously do not doubt it themselves. The quarrel between Holland and the world is about how this end is to be achieved.

In 1945, when war ended, the collapsing Japanese set up in Java an "Indonesian Republic" under a man called Soekarno. The British, who were in charge of liberating the Dutch possessions (we refused to allow the Dutch to help us), had dealings with Soekarno as being the authority actually in power. And so he acquired a sort of recognition.

The Republic coalesced—and still theoretically consists—of two large areas in Java and a few

patches in Sumatra. It contains a third of the total population of Indonesia and covers a quarter of the total area. The remaining Indonesians are called "Federalists," and have given no trouble at all.

To Unite All

Holland's plan was—and still is—to unite all the fragments into a "United States of Indonesia," with an interim Government under Dutch sovereignty, this year. Next year the Dutch plan to hand over sovereignty to an independent and self-governing Indonesia which will remain in union with the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

The head of the Union will be Queen Juliana, but Indonesia will have its own Head of State with Cabinet and Parliament.

Almost the entire population of Indonesia has formally accepted

this. In an agreement reached on board the American warship, Renville a year ago the Republic accepted the Dutch plan. The Republican Prime Minister, Mr. Hatta, put it in writing. The question seemed solved.

But there is in the Republic a strong group of extremists—partly militarists and partly, it seems, Communists—who insist that Indonesia must sever all ties with Holland and expel the Dutch.

This group promptly repudiated the Renville Agreement. A week after it was signed General Soediman, the Republican Commander-in-Chief, broadcast this statement: "The decision to accept the truce was made by the Cabinet. Both orally and in writing all commanders of units of the Forces have made known their determination to continue the fight in defence of the sovereignty and liberty of the Republic of Indonesia."

War Again

So the war was on again. The Dutch say—and they have handed over books full of evidence to the United Nations—that the Republican repudiation was followed by continuous armed raids, frontier violations, infiltrations, destructions, guerrilla activities, and plans for large-scale attack.

So a week before Christmas the Dutch handled things their own way. They launched a "police action" (which, considering it involved two amphibious landings and a parachute assault on the Republican capital, deserved a bigger name). They rounded up many of the extremists and captured most of the Republican Government.

The attack was clearly in violation of the Renville—and other—agreements, and the outside world could not be expected to sympathise.

But the Dutch were convinced that this was the only way. The Dutch case rests on these points:

1. Almost the whole of Indonesia has accepted the Union plan.
2. A small extremist minority willfully sabotaging the plan.
3. The Dutch have certain rights and claims and interests which cannot be entirely ignored.
4. The Indonesians, who are totally inexperienced in government and administration, will need help and the Dutch are best qualified to give it.
5. Many Dutch put this forward with hesitation, because, though legally sound, it is morally dubious: For a generation Indonesia has been officially part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Therefore this is all a purely internal affair which is no concern of the United Nations.

Three Nations

The Dutch are honestly bewildered at the attitude of the rest of the world. They are beginning to argue like this:

The Security Council is represented in Indonesia by a "Committee of Good Offices" consisting of a Belgian, an Australian, and an American.

The Belgian always votes for Holland and the other two against. The Australians and the Americans, the Dutch believe, are actuated by these two considerations:

1. An instinctive horror of the very notion of colonies; and
 2. A feeling that if the Dutch are pushed out of their rich area they themselves will stand a much better chance in it commercially and economically.
- There is a third reason, which the Dutch are now beginning hesitantly to admit. And that is the unfortunate attitude of the Dutch residents and officials and soldiers in Indonesia.

Mrs. Tsao Sits And Weeps On The Kerb

This is the story of Tsao Ching, 25-year-old Chinese housewife, but today it is also the tragic tale of a China torn in two.

Tsao was weeping when I saw her, travel-stained in bright blue gown, sitting on the kerb near the Central Railway Station in Nanking.

She does not know whether she is a widow; she does know her child is dead.

Left Village

Tsao three days ago left her little village on the railway about 20 miles North of Nanking. Her husband was a minor clerk there employed by the Nationalists.

Like thousands of others with the slightest of Nationalist associations, he took Tsao, their baby son, some bundles, and fled.

Through an interpreter, who was quite unmoved and somewhat impatient at my interest, Tsao told me: "We clung to the back of an open truck which was full up inside. More people jumped on, and soldiers scrambled for handholds as the train went along."

"I was separated from my husband at dusk. The last I heard of him was when he was arguing with a soldier, and I am afraid the soldier pushed him off."

"Another woman helped me to hold my baby."

"When we reached Pukow I could not find my husband. I

crossed the Yangtze river yesterday."

Tears ran down her immobile face as she chattered on in Chinese. The interpreter said casually: "The ferry was very crowded. They always are."

Her baby was hurt, and last night he died. He is in that basket beside her."

Tsao waited all day for her husband, hoping he would come to the prearranged meeting-place near the station.

His had not shown up when I left her.

Travels Alone

Before curfew tonight Tsao starts off alone carrying her baby, which she will bury in her home village, a few miles South of Nanking.

Railway platforms are carpeted with refugees like Tsao—and with deserters from the Nationalist armies.

While they wait and shiver special trains move off, loaded to the roofs, with more influential Government servants and wealthy Chinese.

Asked Tsao why, if her husband was merely a minor servant

of the Nationalist Government, he did not wait for the Communists to occupy their village. "Surely the Communists would not harm anyone so unimportant," I said.

Tsao replied: "My husband became afraid when his seniors packed up. Many more ordinary people also fled."

It is certain this unreasonable panic has driven many Chinese like Tsao and her husband into greater perils than Communist occupation.

Nationalist China tonight is a country without a capital, almost without a Government.

There is little hope South of the Yangtze that the Nationalist peace-makers will effect a ceasefire in face of Communist objections to every proposal.

The Nationalist peace-makers themselves are growing weaker and dispirited.

'Carry War On'

Besides the diehard Nationalists call the "Communists" "traitors," the peace-makers are experiencing increasing sabotage from their own side.

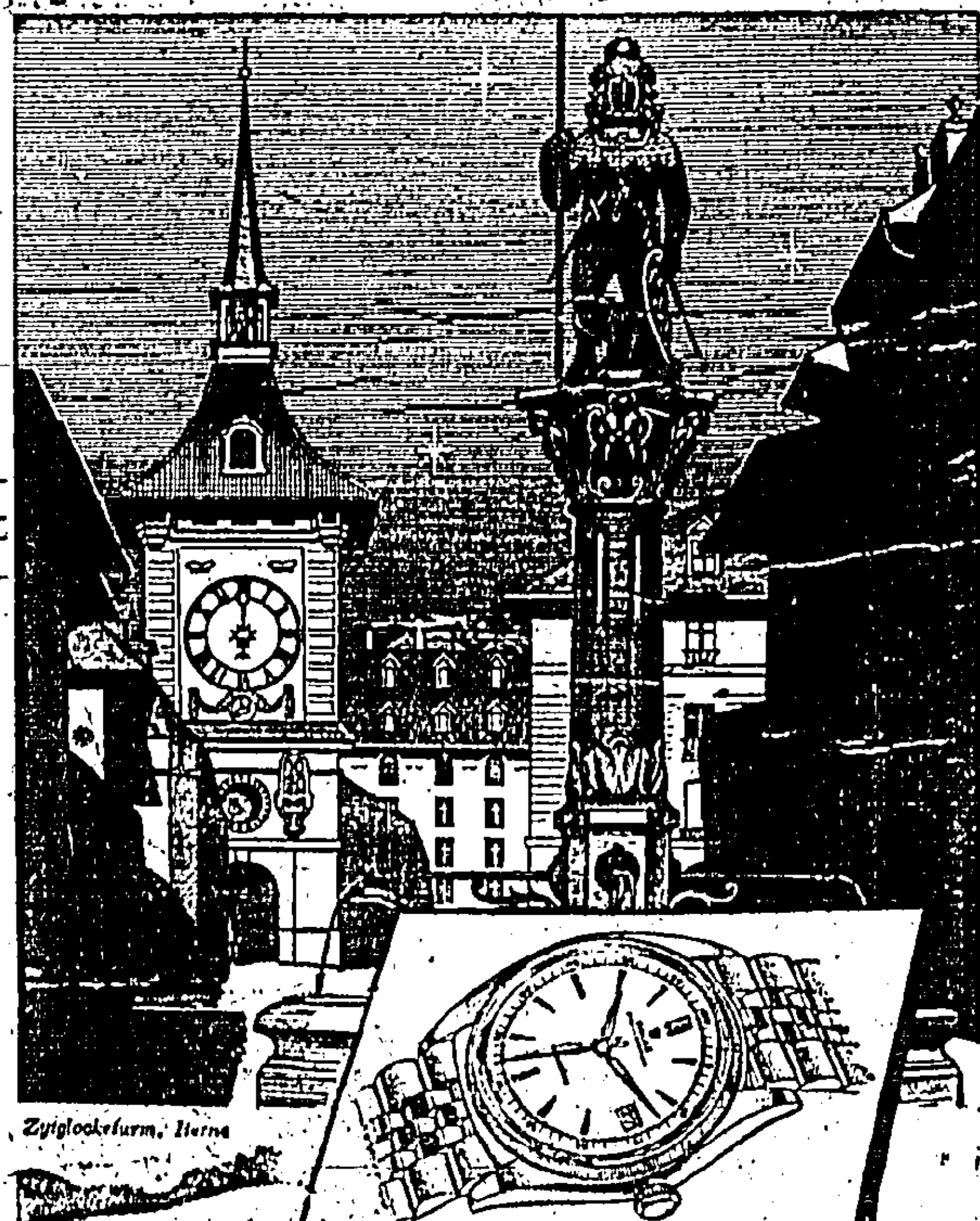
Extreme Rightists are, in fact, pressing for the continuation of the war through South China.

Nanking itself seethes with tales about Cabinet Ministers slipping out comfort, taking the departmental funds.

Chinese newspapers today reported that one Minister left with 1,500,000 gold yuan also reported a university head packing 70,000,000 gold yuan with his personal luggage.

Foreigners with pressing business in the various Ministries have been blocked by angry crowds of public servants clamouring allowances.

In the streets you sense a tension and anger which hitherto have not been noticeable. So far, however, there is no indication of any special resentment at the "long noses"—the usual name for Europeans.



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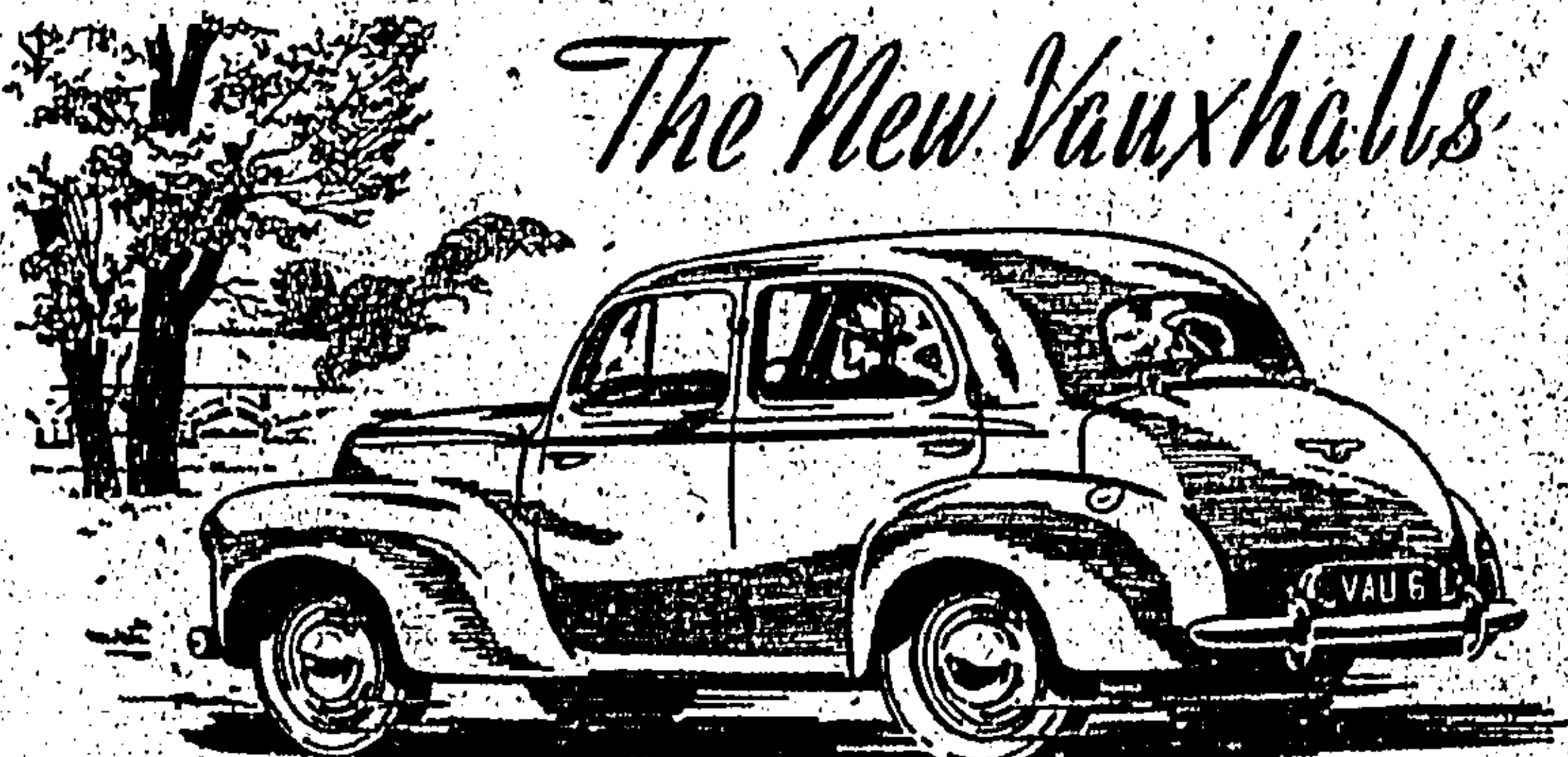
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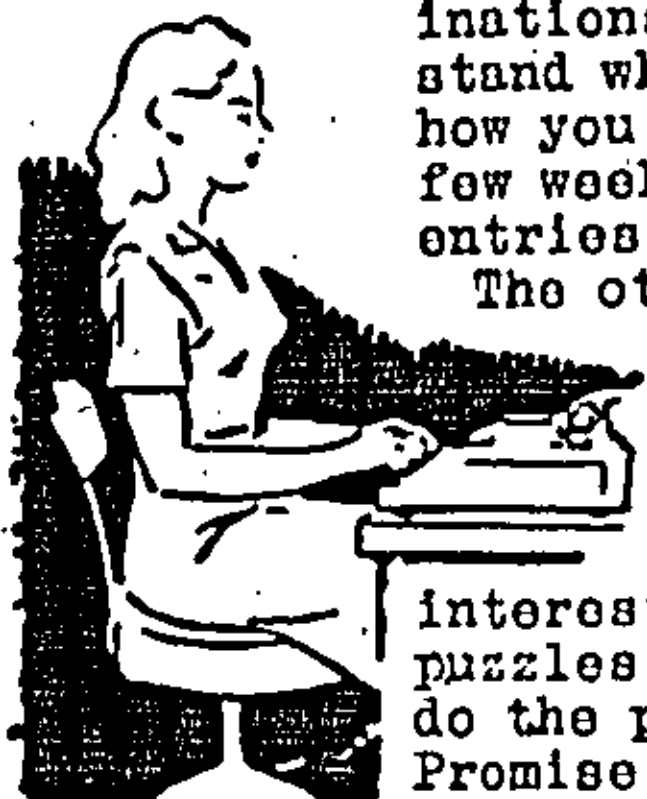
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AT MY TYPEWRITER...



Congratulations to all of you who did so well in your examinations. I am glad you worked so hard, and of course I understand why you could not send in any contributions. I can realize how you were unable to find the time to do anything these last few weeks except study. However, I am looking forward to more entries now the exams are over.

The other day I had tea with some school teachers. They were telling me how keen their pupils were about the Children's Herald. You can imagine how glad I was to hear that, but they also complained that some of you do your puzzles and competitions during school hours! I am really happy to know that you take such great interest in the page, but please don't read or sort out the puzzles during your lessons; pay attention to your studies and do the puzzles at home when you've finished all your homework. Promise me?

Another thing I would like to say is that lately I've been receiving wrong entries for the competitions. Do read carefully before you tackle them.

Competitions for prizes are always clearly marked as such. We also provide puzzles which are only for your amusement, so make sure you choose the right one before sending in an entry. Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

Holiday Picture

Most of the sketches sent in by members are very good indeed. There really are some very clever artists in the Herald Companions' Club. It's never easy to pick the best ones.

This week's competition is a lot of you have been looking forward to. What I want you to do is to draw me a holiday picture. I know you have good imaginations, and after your holidays there's sure to be a scene you will remember and which you wouldn't like to forget. So draw it and send it to Auntie

Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Many things have happened and you must have seen quite a lot of different scenes during the Chinese New Year, so it should be easy.

Remember to enclose the slip with your entry and mark the left hand corner of your envelope "Holiday Picture."

Post it early. The first prize will be \$10, second prize \$5. Three certificates worth five points will be awarded as consolation prizes.

NAME
ADDRESS
AGE

Merry Moments

Patient: "Doctor, my wife is going crazy. She wants to buy a goat."

Doctor: "There's no harm in that. Let her buy a goat."

Patient: "But she wants to keep it in the house."

Doctor: "Well, let her keep it in the house."

Patient: "But the goat is unpleasant to smell."

Doctor: "Well, open the windows."

Patient: "What! and let all my pigeons out!"

Wonder Questions

What is steel?

Steel is iron treated in a very special way which makes it particularly strong and gives it a wonderful power of resistance.

To make steel, the iron is melted and the right proportion of carbon is added to the iron to hold it together in a new way. The iron is placed in a furnace through which a blast of air cleanses the molten iron of impurities and changes it into the high-grade steel.

What does "A rolling stone gathers no moss" mean?

The phrase, "A rolling stone gathers no moss," means that people who constantly move from one place to another or one position to another will not make money or a comfortable position in life.

It is similar in meaning, although certainly not the same, as "Jack of all trades, master of none."

AT BEDTIME

Drop, little feathered head,
Fold your weary wings.
Lullaby! Lullaby!

Now the wind sings.
Dream, little silken cat,
Sheathe your padded claw.

Warm is the firelight
Barred is the door.
Bleat, little woolly lambs,
Safe within the fold.

The patient shepherd guards you,
The moon is old.
Come, little drowsy child,
Put away your toys.

Walking round the corner
Are all tomorrow's joys.
IRENE BYERS

MY LITTLE BABY SISTER

My little sister is so sweet,
We like to keep her clean and neat.

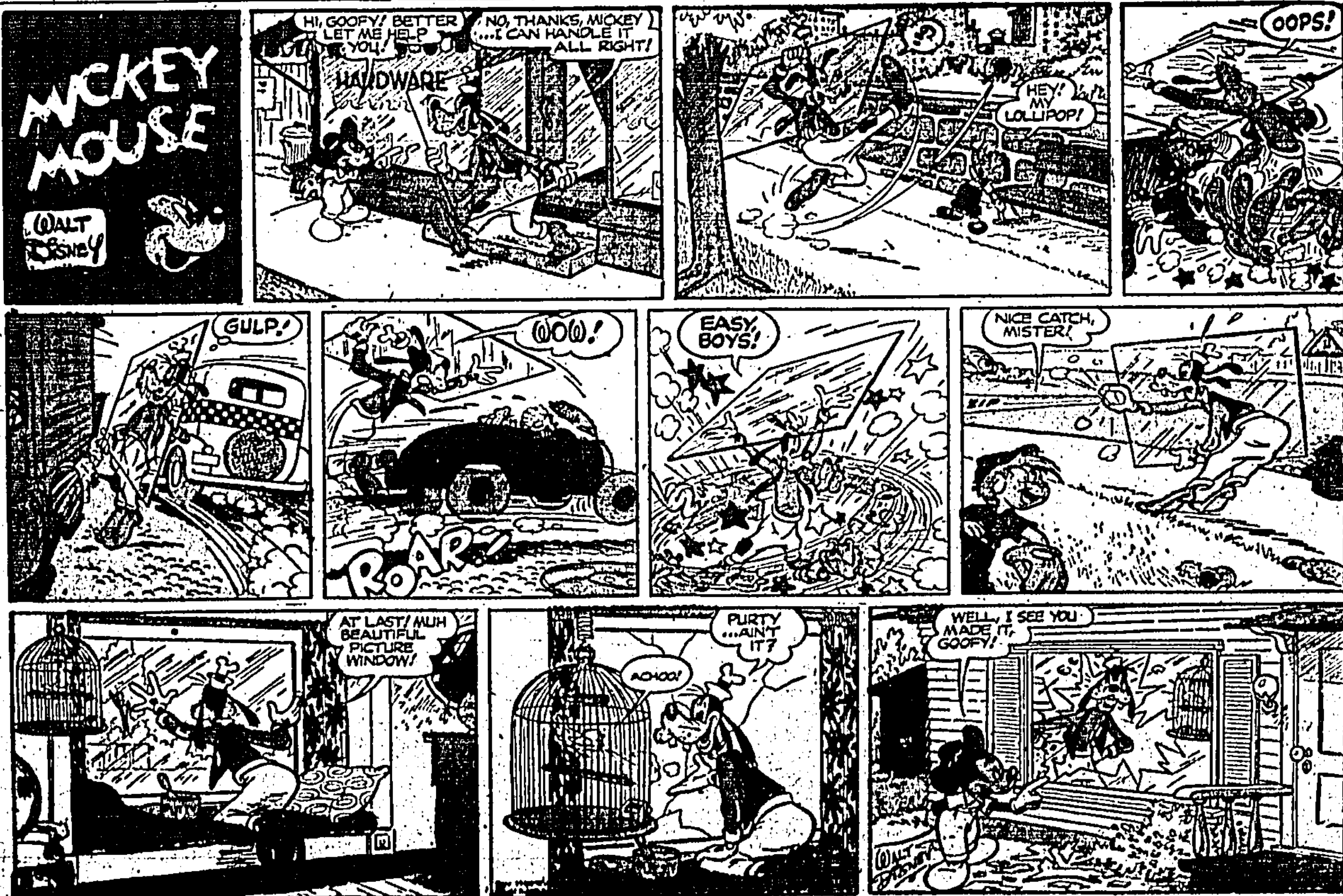
In her bath she never cries,
And in her cot she quietly lies.

Her eyes are like two glistening blue pearls,
And all over her head she has

dozens of curls,
But sometimes she's a naughty little thing.

And oh! The mischief she gets in.

Honour certificate to Sophie Moalem of 13, Cameron Rd. 2nd fl.



Comrades of the Legion

by Angus MacDonald

Captain Santerre proved eager enough to accept the offer. Cavendish had made, and, when the Arabs shortly afterwards made a sudden assault from all sides, he had already placed the Englishman in command of those Legionnaires who lined the east and north walls of the Fort.

John Cavendish acquitted himself well during the fierce attack. Skillfully he reinforced the most dangerously threatened points with a mobile section of men who he kept ready "under his hand" as a reserve; and then as the besiegers on the east and north began to withdraw he sent aid to the west and south walls, where Santerre and the remainder of the garrison were hard-pressed.

The assault was finally repulsed with heavy loss to the Arabs—but, alas, not without severe loss to the defenders as well.

"I owe you my deepest thanks, Major Cavendish," Simon and Mary heard Santerre declare, after the Touaregs had retreated to their former positions. "But for you, I fear those devils would have been inside the Fort by now, and butchering every one of us."

"Nevertheless," Santerre added solemnly, "I feel that sooner or later they must storm Miribel by sheer force of number. Ah, if only we had at our disposal a means of rapid transport across the desert! It would then be possible to send a messenger for help, smuggling him out by way of the tunnel."

"The tunnel?" Cavendish inquired.

"Yes, there is a secret passage under the fort. It leads out to the other side of the ridge where your car broke down—beyond the Arab positions. I had forgotten its existence till I came across a reference to it in the Fort records only this afternoon."

Jane's Adventure In The Tunnel

There once lived three girls in a cottage in big forest where many wild animals lived.

The biggest girl was named Eleanor, the second was Jennifer, and the youngest was Jane. Jane was the sweetest and she was six. She loves animals and tried to make friends with them always when she was in the woods picking flowers with her sisters.

One morning Eleanor and Jennifer were not well, and so Jane went to the woods herself, to gather flowers. She met many animals, and had happy time. Then after a time she found that she was lost. So she sat down on the grass and cried. All of a sudden something attracted her attention. It was a cave-like tunnel which lead right into a little hill. She was tempted to go in and yet she frightened.

But she made up her mind and went in, there she saw many kinds of animal fur and skins. Who put them there she did not know. Since it belonged to one Jane took one. It was certainly a very long tunnel and she was about to turn back the other way she saw a light coming in from the entrance. She ran quickly to it, and to Jane's delight she saw their cottage right in front of her eyes.

So she quickly ran to her sisters and told the whole adventure to them and showed them her fur. Jane's sisters were surprised, and said as soon as they were well they would go with Jane to the tunnel to investigate.

Honour certificate to Wendy Yeo, aged 11, of 6, Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong.

"For the most part, a natural tunnel in the bedrock of the desert, it was extended by a former commandant who felt it might be useful in time of siege—as it would be now, if a messenger could be got quickly to Gharbaya. Unfortunately, he would have to cover the journey on foot, and that would take days."

Simon spoke, impulsively. "Dad," he said, "we could drive for help! There's nothing wrong with the car. I—I put it right after you crossed the ridge."

His father gave him a queer searching look, and flushed; but without reference to the sham breakdown he had staged he took up the boy's suggestion.

Santerre on his part agreed that by driving to Gharbaya for reinforcements Cavendish would be of even greater assistance than by remaining at the Fort.

Thus before long the two children and their father were quitting the stronghold by the subterranean passage, to which they gained access via a loose flagstone in a store-room floor.

Bent double, they followed the tunnel till they found the way barred by a heavy boulder. This they managed to dislodge, and at once stepped out into the open to find themselves less than fifty yards from their tracked shooting-brake.

It was as they started towards it that they heard a voice behind them, and, wheeling in surprise, they beheld the figure of a Legionnaire who must have shadowed them through the tunnel and who now menaced them with his rifle. "Hefflin!" Cavendish exclaimed. "What does this mean?"

The Legionnaire smiled crookedly and listened to the muffled sound of firing which came from the other side of the ridge, where the Arabs were sniping at the Fort.

"Perhaps it might help you to understand," he said softly, "if I told you that this beard conceals the identity of an old acquaintance—none other than Kurt Jansen, Major Cavendish!"

(To Be Continued)

Who Am I?

My first is in yield but but not in fiend.

My second is in ever and also in never.

My third is in ace and also in space.

My fourth is in run but not in bun.

My whole is so easy and you'll know me by now.

For we are always in it.

While usually being 365, I am 366 in every leap.

Answer: Year.

Honour certificate to Desiree Ozorio, aged 12, of Koyamally Bldg. Top floor, Hong Kong.

Foolish Friend

The king was sad, for he lost his favourite hawk. It flew away and alighted at the house of an old woman. She found it and took pity on it. "Poor thing," she said, "how can it eat corn? It's beak is so crooked." So she took the scissors and cut it even. She then looked at its claws, and cut them straight also.

Now the king happened to pass that way and was very glad to see his favourite pet. But to his disappointment he found the pet dead, for the foolish woman had killed it. So, instead of doing good she did a really silly thing.

Honour certificate to Eva of 14, Parker Street, 2nd fl., Kowloon.

Girlie's Real Name

Once upon a time there lived a little girl who was only 10, and her parents had died. Since their death, she never told anybody her real name. Even her Aunt didn't know it, so everyone called her "Girlie."

One day she got a telegram from her old Aunt Josie asking her to go and stay with her at her farm.

Girlie was soon ready and left for her aunt's farm. "Why did you send for me Aunt Josie?" asked Girlie. "I just sent for you because I wanted company. If I should tell you what happened last night you would think I am wise in wanting company," said Aunt Josie. "Oh, do tell me," pleaded Girlie.

"Last night as I was lying wide awake on bed, I heard a noise so I went outside but I saw no one. Now this noise was repeated three times. Finally I saw a figure disappearing through the wall." "Oh," said Girlie with fear.

That night Girlie heard the noise. She awoke Aunt Josie and

they crept into the parlour. They both saw the ghost and were terrified when he spoke. "Daphne, do not be afraid, I am your father." Then he disappeared.

At last Aunt Josie knew Girlie's real name and from that day onward the ghost never appeared, and "Girlie" went back to her own house and everyone called her "Daphne."

Honour certificate to Nana Rodrigues of 14, Hillwood Road, Kowloon.

Pussy Wussy

Pussy Wussy was a cat. Pussy Wussy had a mat. Pussy Wussy caught a rat. Pussy now is growing fat.

Pussy Wussy went to town. Pussy Wussy bought a crown. Pussy Wussy is very smart. Pussy Wussy likes jam tart. Honour certificate to Jennifer Sprague of 11 Leighton Hill Flats, Happy Valley.

Sort Out These Jumbled Words

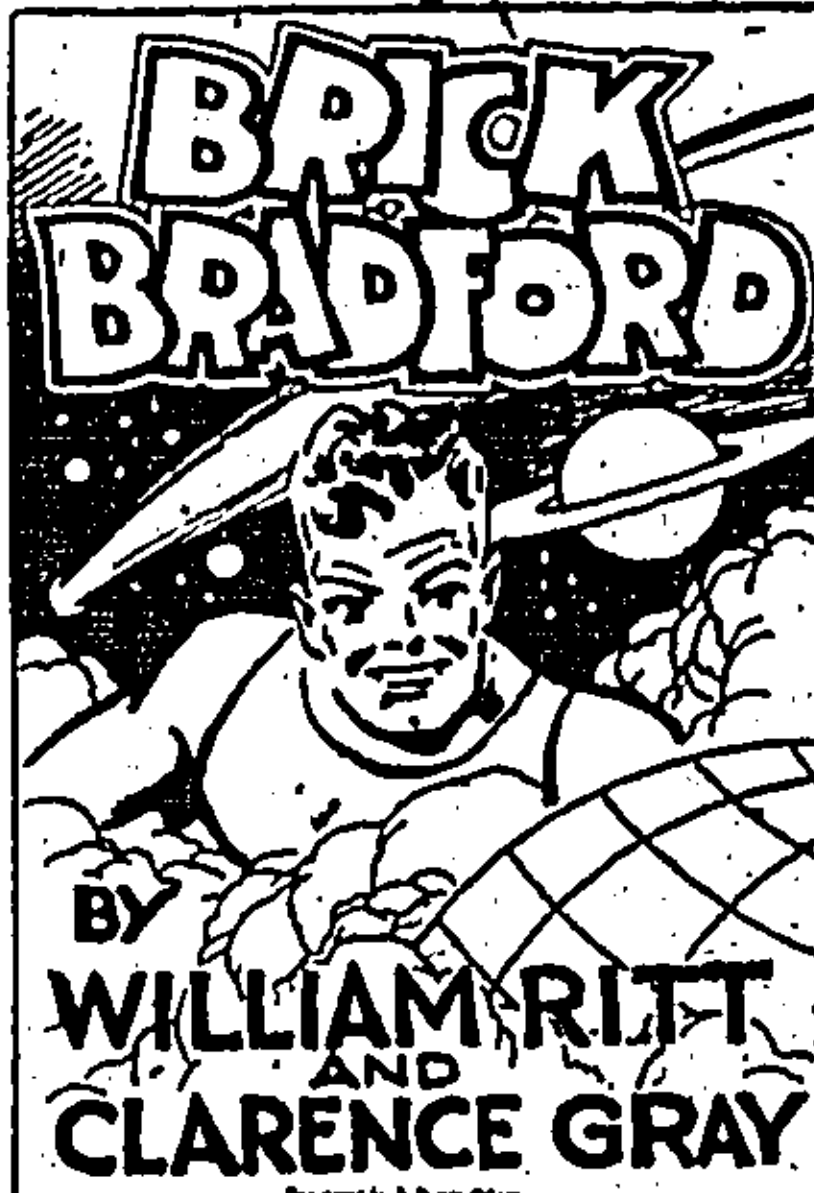
How many kinds of birds do you know? Think you can sort out all these? Well, have a try and for the answers turn the page upside down.

(1) Ckeopowder, (2) Usthrh, (3) Llwawwo, (4) Nwer, (5) Leab Dirl, (6) Eulb Itt, (7) Ribon, (8) Ckiba Rlbd, (9) Prowras, (10) Esa Ugl.

Woodpecker, Thrush, Swallow, Black-Bird, Sparrow, Seagull, Wren, Blue-Bird, Blue-Tit, Robin.

Jumbled Words Answers

Honour certificate to Elaine Gerretty of 5B, Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.



In The Mailbag **RUSTY RILEY**By **Frank Godwin**

RAYBURN LIM, I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to print your story in the page, as it is a story from the comics.

ODETTE SOUZA, you can send in any kind of stories you like as long as they are interesting.

HENRY ALBERT STEWART, your story about your cat is very interesting and it's going to be printed soon. Hope to hear from you more often.

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Why are policemen and postmen like the days of men?

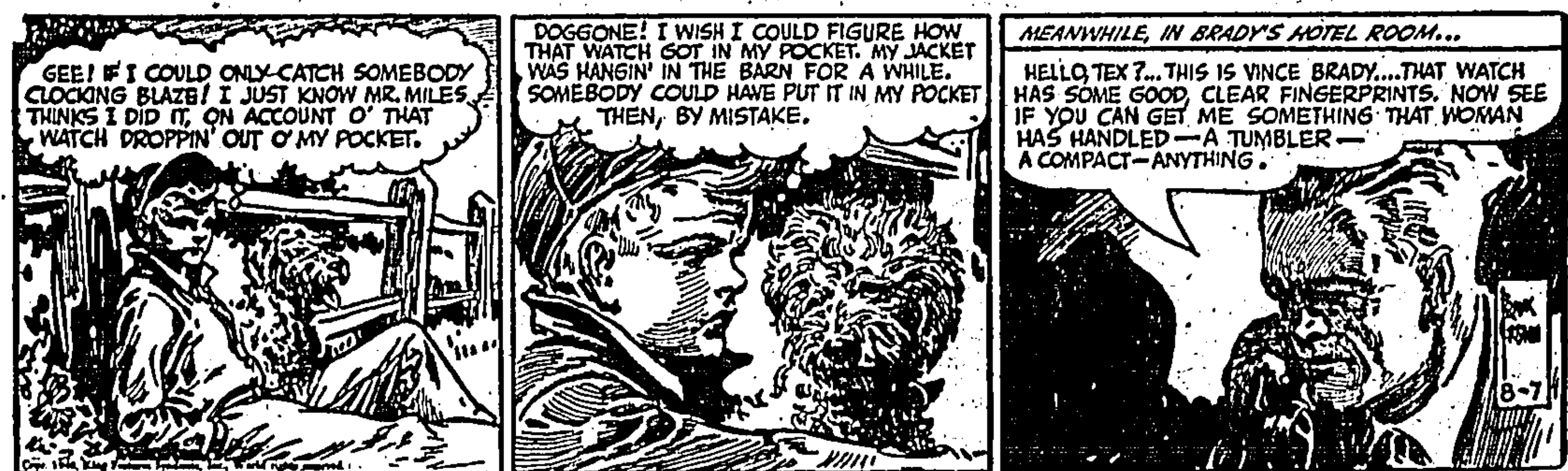
Answer: Because they are both numbered.

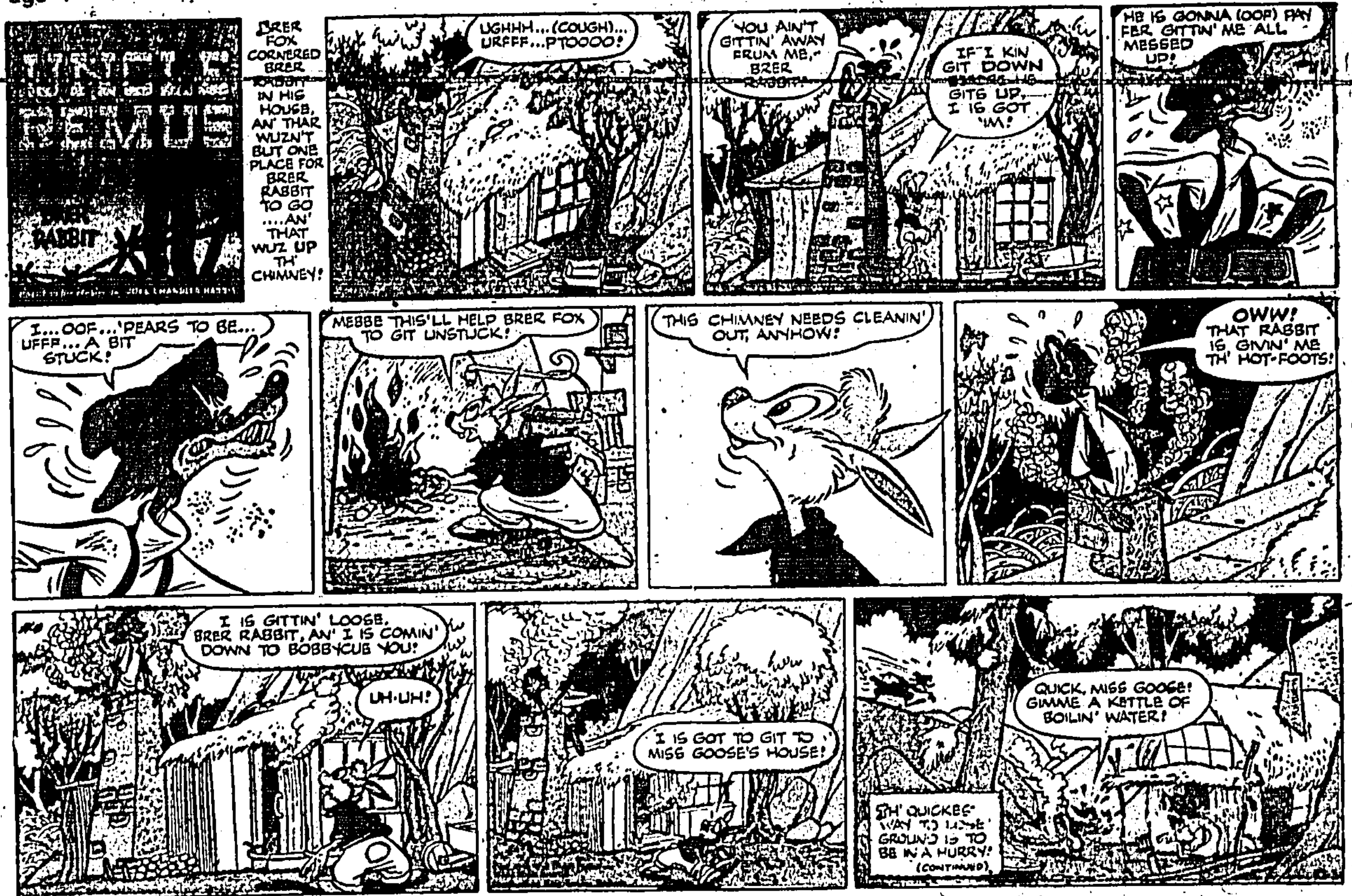
When is a silver cup most likely to run away?

Answer: When it is chased.

Why is the cashier at a bank a well-informed man?

Answer: Because he is constantly taking notes.





JOHN'S ADVENTURE

John was walking on the shore of a river when he saw at a long distance that the sea was very rough. All of a sudden he heard a roaring sound approaching and saw that it was a tidal wave. He immediately ran for the mountain which led to the other side of the country. He managed to climb to the top in time as he heard the rumbling sound of the waves at the bottom of the mountain.

He waited for the tidal wave to calm down but in vain. So he went on until he saw a cave. He wanted to go and explore it, but his heavy eyes told him that he was tired so he fell down on a rock and slept.

He awoke the next day and found that the tidal wave had calmed down. He wiped his eyes and began to yawn. His stomach told him that he was hungry, and he remembered that he had carried some sandwiches in his knapsack, he took them out and ate hastily, and drank from his water bottle which he carried on his shoulder, intending to go for a hike on the mountains.

He then started to explore the cave. He took out his torch as the place was pitch dark, and started walking slowly in, when he stumbled over something which sent him sprawling to the ground. He got up and saw that it was a small wooden box. He picked it up and tried to open the lid when he was blinded by a strong light which came from the inner part of the cave. John tried to dodge but he heard a voice yelling, "Stop him, he's got the box," and heard a loud noise like stampeding and knew that he was being chased.

He darted for the opening with the box in his hand and ducked under a huge rock. He then saw men come running out and knew that they must be robbers.

The robbers separated and went in different directions, so John ran as fast as he could and slid down the sandy parts. He now saw only one of the crooks chasing him, so he went behind him and

raised his hand and clouted him on the head. He fell, then John ran, and it so happened that a police squad was driving up the road. The policeman stopped and the chief looked at John and said "What are you doing here?"

"Just went for a walk and was caught by a tidal wave, and chief, do you know what I found? I found a hide-out of some crooks in that cave. I was followed and managed to escape," said John. "Good work boy, that was what we were looking for, you will be rewarded greatly," the chief said.

They raided the hide-out and caught the whole lot of them. John went home happily and when he went home he explained everything to his troubled and worried parents who became happier after hearing it.

When John received his reward he gave it to his Mother, saying, "I think I'm in for a good bath" and went up the stairs whistling cheerily.

Honour certificate to Robert Medina, of 21, Bowrington Road.

Birthday Greetings

On February 14, HILARY VALENTYN GAGGINO of 108, Austin Road, Top floor, Kowloon will be 15 years old.

On February 19, MARIAN ELIZABETH FRANKLIN of Police Headquarters, Hong Kong will be 12 years old.

A very happy Birthday to the both of you from the H.C.C. Members and Auntie Vee.

Sorry, boys and girls, I made the last competition so tough for you all. The results were not good, and in fact I had very few entries.

This week's competition is much easier and I'm looking forward to a big pile of entries. Good Luck.

RIDDLES

Why was Adam a good runner?
Answer: First in the human race.

Why is it wrong to use bad language in a cornfield?
Answer: Because there are so many ears there that they will be shocked.

What was it that Adam planted first in the Garden of Eden?
Answer: His heel.

What is taken from you before you get it?
Answer: Your portrait.

How long did Cain hate his brother?
Answer: As long as he was able to.

Why is the letter A like a sweet-smelling flower?
Answer: A B (bee) comes after it.

Why are riddles like things brought to us from Europe?
Answer: Because they are far fetched.

When does a dog become larger and smaller?
Answer: When let out at night and when let in at night.

What part of a fish is like the end of a book?
Answer: The tail.

What is the difference between a man going upstairs and one looking up the stairs?
Answer: The first man goes up the stairs and the second man goes up the stairs.

Why is it legally wrong to condemn a deaf man?
Answer: Because the law does not allow a deaf man to be convicted.

MY DREAM PET



Honour certificate to Albert Xavier of 10, Austin Avenue Kowloon.

MY DOGGIE

I have a little dog called Rowdy, And he is as clever as can be; He can get the ball for me, And can almost speak to me. He always rises early, Because he sleeps through the day; It seems he is always hungry, And he always likes to play. He is scarcely ever naughty, Well, perhaps he will take my shoe.

But that is not really naughty, Because doggies have to chew. He's supposed to be a Cocker Spaniel, And my father says, "We'll see." But no matter who his parents were, He's a thoroughbred to me. Honour certificate to Patricia Bush, aged 11, of 251 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

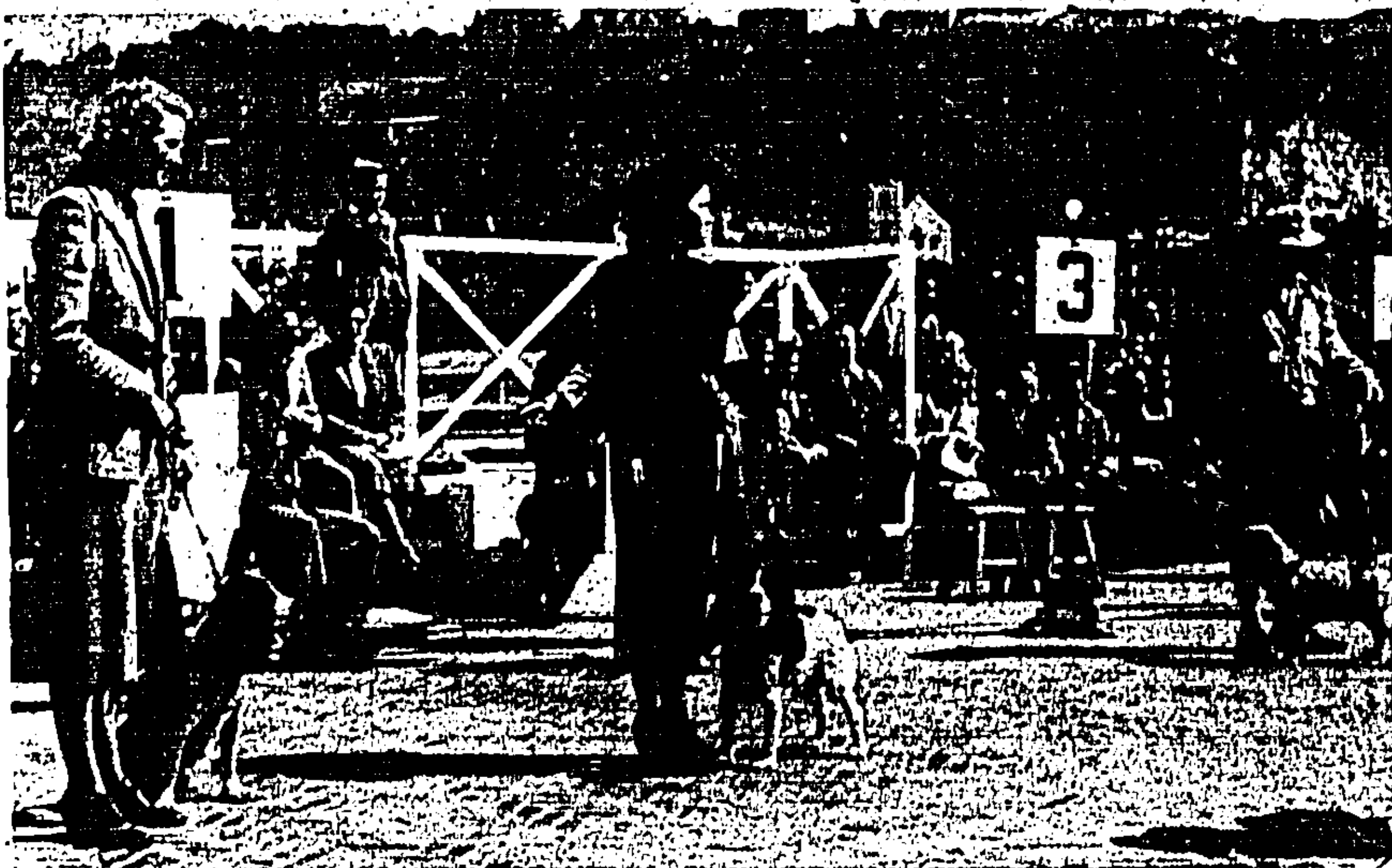
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Mr. Harry Henser, official BOAC photographer, took this picture of a typical Chinese hawker zone during a recent visit to Hong Kong.



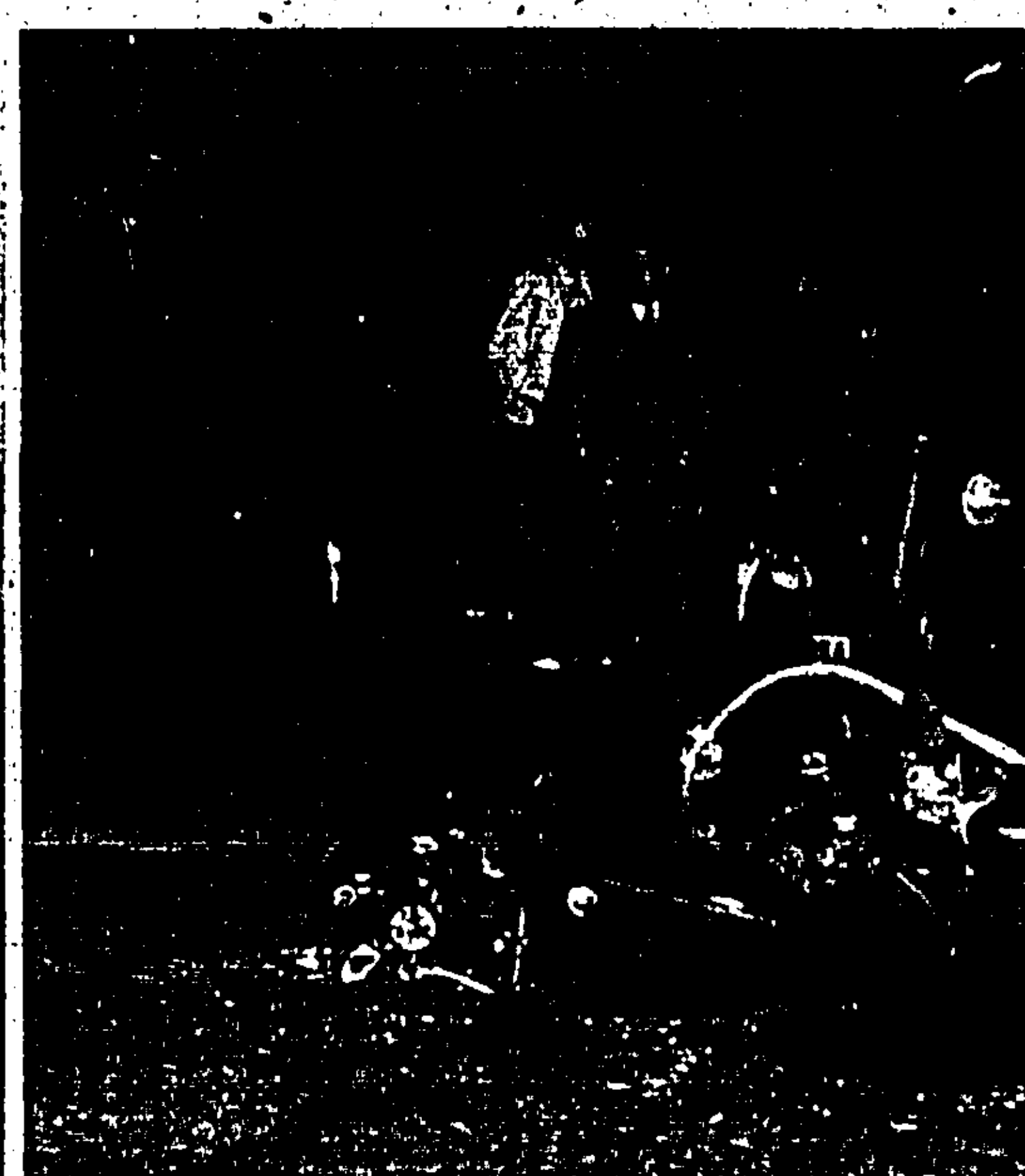
The judging of the open gun-dog group at the Dog Show held at Happy Valley on February 6. ("China Mail" photo)



The Wales-Ireland rugby team which was beaten by Scotland at Causeway Bay ("China Mail" photo)



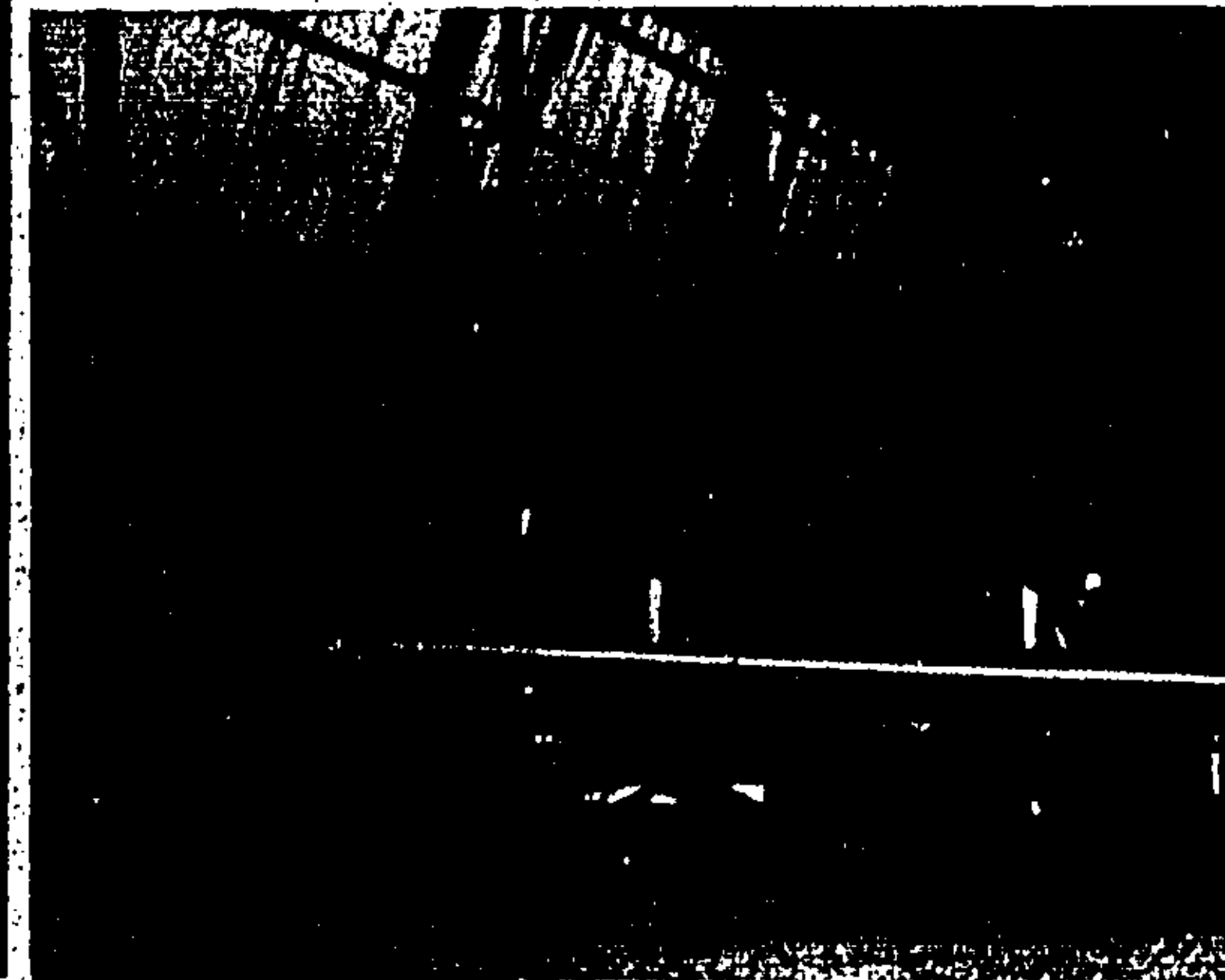
Rightly proud of themselves are these entries at the Dog Show, which attracted 4,000 spectators. ("China Mail" photo)



After a collision between a private car and a motor cycle and Nathan Road on February 6



Mr. S. H. Evans visited the Yaumatei Social Welfare Centre, accompanied by Mr. J. E. McDouall, Social Welfare Officer. ("China Mail" photo)



The Vampire jet fighter being repaired at the Jardine, expected to be in the air again soon.



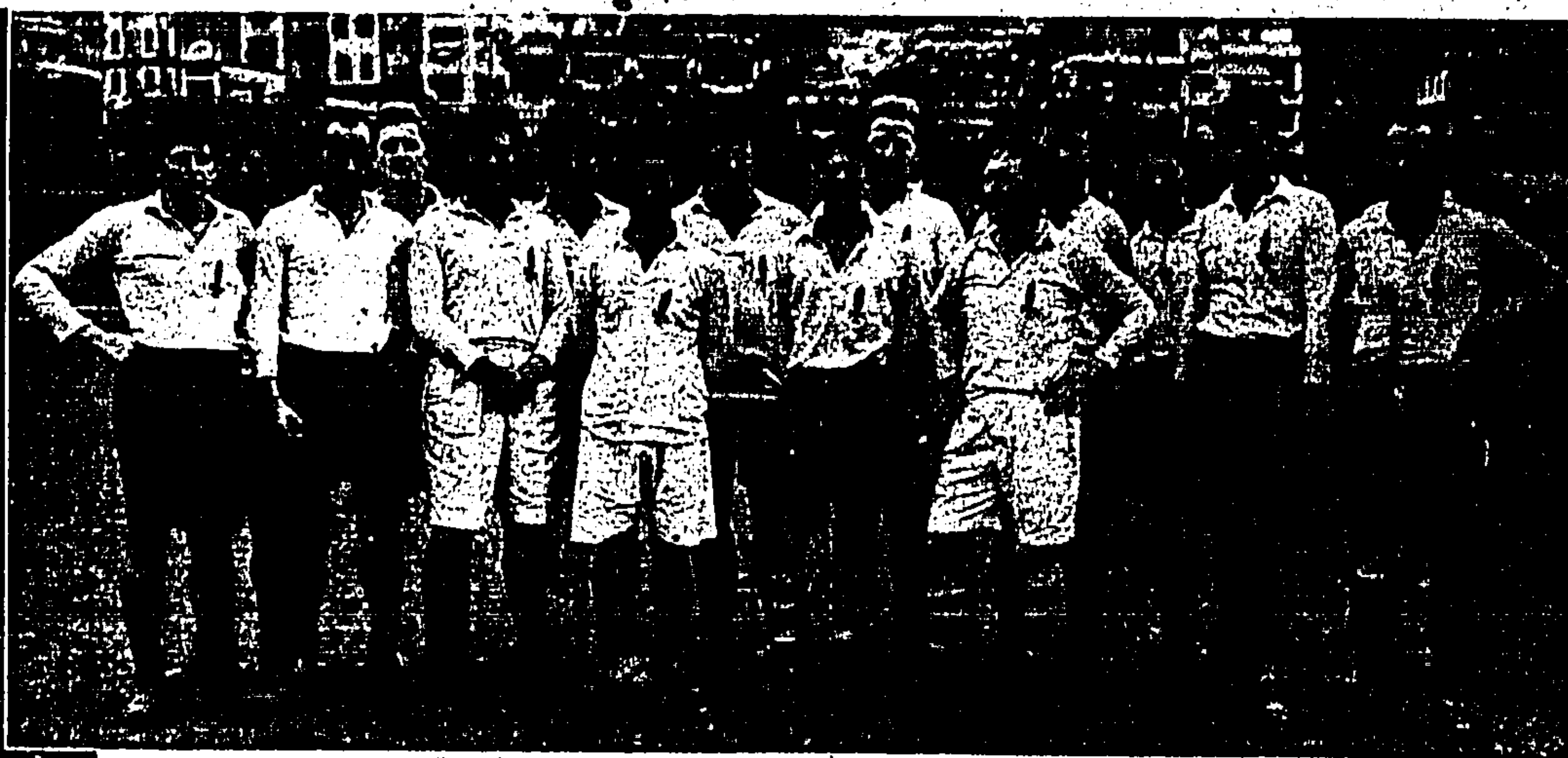
Holland in the International tournament
("China Mail" photo)



This International XV was beaten 9-0 by an England rugby team at Causeway Bay on February 5. ("China Mail" photo)



at the junction of Kimberley Road
(Victor Studio)



The England rugby team which defeated an International XV in the tournament at Causeway Bay.
("China Mail" photo)



Maintenance hangar. The plane was
("China Mail" photo)



In the international rugby tournament on February 5, this Scotland XV beat a Wales-Ireland team by 14-0. ("China Mail" photo)



Miss Margaret Agnes Quark was married to Mr. W. G. Hicks at the Catholic Cathedral on February 5. ("China Mail" photo)



Major H. J. Hawes and Mrs. Megan Margaret Davies were married at the Registrar's Office on February 5. (Ming Yuen photo)



At the christening of Elaine Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Catton at St. Joseph's Church. ("China Mail" photo)



At the christening at St. John's Cathedral of Paul Francis Keays, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Monaghan. ("China Mail" photo)



Carol Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brywne, was christened at St. John's Cathedral. ("China Mail" photo)

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THE GERMAN HAS NOT LEARNED HIS LESSON

He Forgets Hard Facts

By JAS. M. CHALMERS

Those who think it is time that we cleared out of Germany and left the Germans to manage their own affairs are thinking along unsound lines.

Leaving Russian out of the picture, they should not forget the legacy of the first world war—the war that was to end war but did not.

Admittedly, we can ill afford to continue spending millions a year on our former enemies—the Occupation has already cost us nearly £800,000,000—but until demilitarisation of the Reich is fully accomplished, adequate safeguards taken to prevent a resurgence of military strength, and a real democracy established, we must remain in Germany.

The economic position also is important. It was clearly put by General Clay, the U.S. Military Governor, when he said: "The success of the European Recovery Plan depends in substantial part on recovery in Germany. Much of the idle capacity for production remaining in Europe is in Germany, and without the restoration of trade between Germany and its neighbours a normal economy in Europe is impossible."

The three Western Zones are participating in Marshall Aid—the Russians refused to have anything to do with it—but although progress is reported there is a lack of co-operation from—indeed hostility on the part of—those who are being helped on to their feet.

Bolder Tone

The German today is not thinking as one whose spirit was broken. He has to a noticeable extent forgotten the war, and is too anxious to forget its consequences. He realises that he must roll up his shirt sleeves, work hard and accept a bare living wage—his union has told him high wages would mean a return of the inflation of which he has bitter memories—but he does not like the Occupation, and is bitterly opposed to the further dismantling of plants. As his shoulders are now more erect than they were after the crushing defeat of Hitlerism, so his tone has become bolder.

When I met General Sir Brian Robertson, British Military Governor, in Berlin last month, I could see that he was not too pleased with the tone of speeches being made by Germans in responsible positions, and I was not surprised when I read the other day that he had severely rebuked some of the leaders. The rebuke was significant because the General is not an opponent of free speech.

General Clay's warning last week that Nazi-minded nationalist groups were again raising their heads was also significant.

The improvement in the economic position of Germany, brought about largely through the introduction of currency reform by the Western Powers last June, may to some extent be responsible for the bolder front shown by the Germans.

The new mark gave the workers an incentive to work and led to an industrial boom. The output of iron and steel for the last quarter of the year soared until it equalled the target figure set for the second half of this year.

As for coal output, it now totals 325,000 tons a day—an exceedingly satisfactory figure, I was told at a conference held in Krupp's villa at Essen. Exports, too, have risen.

According to Sir Cecil Weir, British Economic Adviser, every field of economic enterprise has improved.

Shops Well Stocked

"Take a look at the shop windows in Düsseldorf or Hamburg," he said to me. "Before currency reform they were almost empty, the reichsmark being valueless, but now they are well stocked with goods."

It was as he said. Housewives can get most of the household utensils they require—even tea-sets; no girl need say she cannot get a string of imitation or cultured pearls; or for that matter a leather handbag; engagement rings are plentiful; no German need be without a cigarette-lighter or a watch or cameras nor need a workman be without the tools of his trade.

It has to be said, however, that prices are high and in many instances beyond the average shopper's means. Wholesalers and retailers have shown a tendency to keep back some goods in the hope that prices will rise higher still. This gamble has been financed by borrowings from the banks, and has

had to be checked. Banks have shown an unwillingness to raise the bank interest, but I was told that they are now applying certain restrictions on indiscriminate borrowing.

Warnings

Farmers, too, have shown a lack of co-operation. Although their grain harvest last year was 33-1/3 per cent. better than in the previous year, and prices showed a rise of 18 per cent., their deliveries of bread grains showed a substantial decrease. General Robertson sounded a warning; and although it had had some effect, the deliveries are still short of requirements, and the bread ration may have to be cut.

He has also to issue a reminder that the British authorities are committed to a policy of prohibiting and restricting the industries on which the German war effort was built. And just in case the reminder was not sufficient, General Robertson stressed the fact that powers are being retained under the Occupation Statute to ensure that the work of disarmament is not rendered futile, and that these powers will be enforced by the Military Security Board.

The demonstration by German workers at Bochum showed how unwilling

they are to learn the lesson the war should have taught them, and I would not be surprised if this incident is followed by trouble at Essen. Like other industrial towns in the Ruhr, Essen was heavily bombed during the war—upwards of 7,500 of its inhabitants lost their lives.

Black Market

Opposition to the demolition and dismantling of buildings and plant at Krupp is very strong. There are still 17,000 employees on the payroll, of whom about 13,000 are engaged on productive work, including the repair of Reichsbahn and mining locomotives. In one of the buildings still in use, stainless steel is being made for dental plates and dental equipment.

Incidentally, when I visited Krupp I was shown proof that the Germans were preparing for the second world war in 1929.

The black market and smuggling activities are also a hindrance to economic recovery. Although currency reform considerably curtailed the black market, it did not kill it. The fat ration is very meagre, and there is a big demand for black market butter at £1 per lb. A cake of toilet soap fetches 4/6, and the same price is being paid for a 2oz. bar of chocolate. Sugar changes hands at 12/6 per lb. and cigarettes sell at 15/- for twenty.

Altogether, the situation in Western Germany is difficult, and the curb chain is as necessary today, if not more so, as in the early days of the Occupation.

But, as General Robertson put it to me, the German with all his faults has one great virtue—he is anti-Communist.

QUICK LOOKS

The Strange Life of August Strindberg, by Elizabeth Spriggs. (Hamish Hamilton 15s.)

For once a biography with an appropriate title. Few lives have been stranger than that of August Strindberg, the centenary of whose birth fell on January 22, 1949: for Strindberg was not only a genius, or a man of near-genius, but also a near-lunatic who suffered from acute persecution-mania, believed in black magic, and hated the women he married as passionately as he loved them.

Elizabeth Spriggs describes his tempestuous course through life quietly and sympathetically. If you are interested in the modern drama, to which Strindberg made important con-

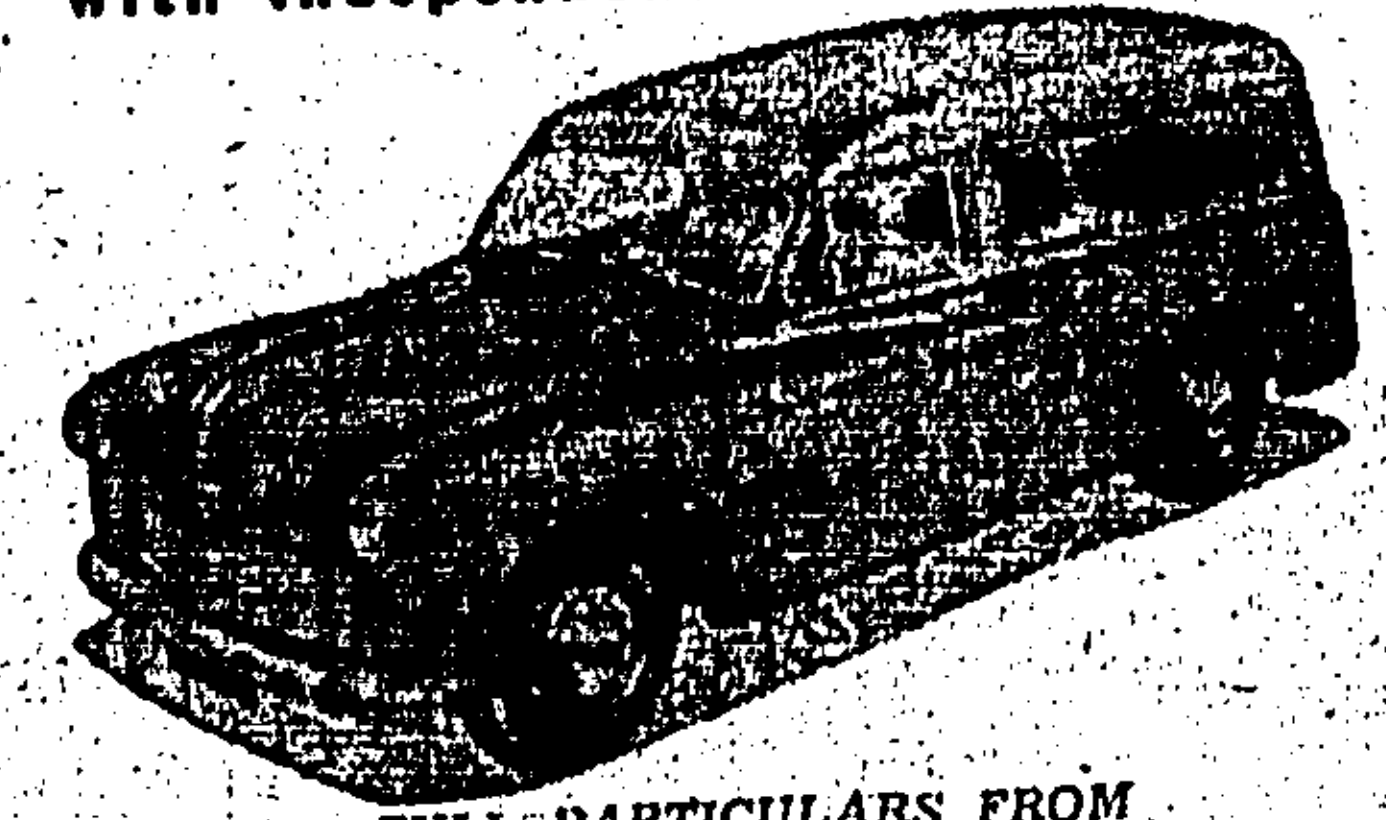
tributions, or enjoy books about extraordinary characters perpetually oscillating between hell and paradise, this is a volume that I can highly recommend.

The Copperheads, by William Blake. (Cassell, 15s.)

Another gigantic American historical novel—this time about an unscrupulous Yankee who constituted himself a One-man Fifth Column during the war between North and South. An exciting theme, but somewhat ponderously handled.

The Lambs, by Katharine Anthony. (Hammond, 15s.)

An affectionate study of that courageous couple, Charles and Mary Lamb.



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Talking about Films

Mr. Lean Swaps Gloom For Gloss

By Fred Majdalany

The heroine of David Lean's new picture "The Passionate Friends" is a young woman who keeps running away from love because she doesn't want to belong to anybody.

Her idea of not belonging is to abandon the young man she passionately loves and to sell herself to a middle-aged banker who provides her with wealth and frigid affection, which she calls freedom.

After a year or two of this she meets the young man again and finds she loves him more than ever—so after a brief interlude she sticks to her banker more firmly than ever. Nine years later bless me if it doesn't happen all over again—except that the young man is by this time married, so the complications take a different course.

Now I am not going to be trapped into a tea-table discussion of the emotional vagaries of young women. And I dare say that in the H.G. Wells novel from which the film is distilled (and which I haven't read) the girl's character and conflict may have been more fully developed.

But as she appears in the film, I am prepared to make a small bet that the average woman, if there is such a person, will sharply decide that there is little wrong with this silly girl that the back of a hair-brush would not swiftly put right.

Mr. Lean, taking a well-earned rest from Dickensian gloom, and brief encounters in mackintoshes and railway stations, has given this light-weight fable a tremendous gloss.

He has pursued glamour as single-mindedly as he has gone after other things in other pictures.

He has coaxed three first-class performances out of Ann Todd, Trevor Howard, and Claude Rains, and he has imparted to them (especially to Miss Todd) that stellar shine which is sometimes said to elude English directors.

He has even permitted his characters to pass through a dozen years without ageing one little bit. Glamour can go no further.

In short, Mr. Lean has taken a holiday and done a very creditable Hollywood on us.

My daily routine does not leave me with any time to study the behaviour of horses in love. I cannot, therefore, offer much expert comment on "Green Grass of Wyoming" which is chiefly about a romance between a white stallion and a black mare.

I can merely report that courting horses seem as repetitive and glum as courting men.

The attentions of the horse take the mare's mind off her work, which is to train for an important trotting-race.

The race is very prettily filmed, but the mare fails to win it. She breaks down just as she is approaching the winning post in the lead.

It turns out afterwards that this is because she and the horse (who watches the race from the rails) are expecting an addition to the family.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty.
2. The Roxy in Hong Kong and the Broadway Theatre in Kowloon.
3. Friedman Yellin.
4. One hundred per cent of the basic salary, for those earning up to \$370 per month, and are married with children.
5. Matby, Yorkshire.
6. "I Chose Freedom."
7. 607.2 miles an hour.

This brings the thing to a neat domestic close that should fully satisfy the American appetite for mother-worship.

The horses are supported by Lloyd Nolan, Peggy Cummins, and Charles Coburn, who take it in turns to whistle, pat, and stroke.

Nice picture for children and horse psychiatrists, if they exist.

The first Australian "Western," "The Overlanders," succeeded because the subject was sufficiently exciting and spectacular to carry itself along.

Its successor, "Eureka Stockade" is not similarly blessed, with the result that it seems very crude and amateurish.

It deals with the Australian gold-rush of 100 years ago and the struggle between the diggers and the authorities who tried to curb their activities by making them pay heavily for licences.

The conflict is not altogether clear-cut. The effect is of an assembly of uneasily bearded folk-dancers and suchlike trying to "get up" a pageant to celebrate some centenary or other—and the vicar happened to be there with his cine-camera.

Some of the dialogue is deplorably pageant-like, and the amiable Chips Rafferty (whose beard seems curiously unrelated to his face) has a rough time trying to make a reasonable figure of the diggers' leader.

You have to wait until almost the end of "Rachel and the Stranger" before Indians start firing blazing arrows into the white folks' cabin and the fun may be said to begin.

Until then you have to be very patient with a slow, gentle, backwoods anecdote about a simple farmhand man who buys a bond-woman (Loretta Young) to take the place of his dead wife as housekeeper and mother to his small son, and takes a long time to discover that she is a woman too.

Robert Mitchum comes out of it best.

We used to prejudice our films by how much they cost and how long it took to make them. Now the test is how much they didn't cost and by what new feat of technical acrobatics the director shortened the schedule.

The studios are competing so furiously with these clock-beating, purse-tightening tactics that nothing will surprise me any more.

Directors are standing on their heads and shooting films backwards? Fair enough. Or dispensing with cameras and doing everything by mirrors? Excellent idea.

Well, it has almost come to that. We have had David Rawnsley's "Independent frame" or "prefab" process, Alfred Hitchcock's ten-minute take, Sydney Box's promise of a "honey-comb set," Edward Dmytryk's habit of taking the camera right in among the action (tried out in Hollywood's "Cross-fire" and just repeated in Britain's "Obsession").

And now whatever next? The answer comes from Elstree, Thero Associated British are experimenting in "The Hasty Heart" with what they call the Turntable Technique.

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many theatres resorted at the slightest provocation round about "White Horse Inn" time.

But there is technically more in it than that.

Elstree's turntable is a construction of steel and wood devised by a 35-year-old British architect named Terence Verity.

It is enabling Vincent Sherman, American producer-director of "The Hasty Heart," to complete in eight minutes scene changes that would normally hold up filming for as much as an hour.

By saving one week's shooting in five it is reducing the schedule to 10 weeks.

The camera, instead of careering all around the studio floor in search of angles, stays more or less put. It's the scenery that does all the moving.

Our Serial Story

AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA

By Raymond Knotts

"Here's the way I figure it," said the police chief. "The guy who cracked the case came here and broke into the house looking for something. You just talked into it, Hale. And then he tore down the stairs to that window, but there was Pavich."

"Well, Pavich had his back turned. So the guy pulled the window open quietly, stuck the gun behind Pavich's ear and let him have it."

"Sound's reasonable," Hale conceded.

"And who," the chief demanded with sudden heat, "is the one guy of those who might have had a finger in the kidnapping that ever was in this house, so far as we know?"

He answered himself, "Harold Detridge!" He turned accusing eyes on Hale—"why didn't you tell me this morning that Detridge had been back to that hotel and changed his clothes and run away? You want me to let him alone, I suppose?"

"Yes. Until after Breck pays the ransom in the morning and gets Judie back home. You know her life may depend on it."

The telephone shrilled and Hale answered. "It's for you, chief."

The officer took the phone. "Hello... What?... Who was he... How was it done?... What's that address?... Okay, Halloran."

"Who was murdered?" Hale asked.

"Man named Kelrayne. Chicago broker. Head beaten in."

Orring Cayples' white face took on a greenish hue.

"I think," he said, rising, "I've seen and heard all the violence I can assimilate in one night. I'm going to bed."

Hale rose too. "I'll see you up there chief."

The place where the house stood was an oval peninsula thrusting out into Bliscayne Bay from the causeway. It was a large Spanish house.

The late Mr. Kelrayne had been carried inside and laid on a davenport. He was clothed in pyjamas and a topcoat. On his feet were oxfords with thick rubber soles.

The rotund police doctor was standing beside the body.

"Hah," the police doctor greeted Hale. "Before you can ask you get the answer: He's been dead less than an hour."

"Where was he found?" Hale asked.

"Just a couple of yards away from the front door. He was lying alongside the walk."

"Could he have been hit somewhere else—in the house maybe—and then dragged himself to the place where he was found?"

The doctor shook his head with great positiveness. "He could not have moved a finger after he was hit. It was a paralyzing injury."

"Who found him?"

Sergeant Halloran answered. "Mary Kir—his girlfriend. Kelrayne's wife was home in Chicago."

Hale nodded. "You don't think she killed him, chief?"

"Nah. Some friend of this Mary Kir's. Jealous," said the chief. "Kelrayne was quite a play boy. Or maybe Kelrayne's wife. She had reason to crown him plenty. Although I don't think any woman could hit that hard, at that."

Hale, driving back up the shore to Polk's, could not dismiss the idea that the apparent similarity between the assault on himself and the one on Kelrayne was evidence of a connection somewhere between the night's grim events at the Polk house and the death of Val Kelrayne.

At six o'clock in the morning Breckenridge Polk angrily threw a suitcase containing the \$300,000 into the seat of a long open sports coupe at his front door. He climbed in and streaked away up the shore.

Just before dawn the wind had died as suddenly as it began. But nothing of the morning's calm penetrated into the mood of the three who sat in the dining room.

"Well," said Marcia in a high strained voice, "in three hours we'll know."

Neither Orring nor Mrs. Cayples were up yet.

Marcia said Mrs. Cayples had left a note saying she did not want to be disturbed until she wakened.

In twenty minutes from the time he departed, Breckenridge Polk returned. They heard his car door slam and hurried into the hall to meet him.

"What happened, Breck?" Hale asked.

"Nothin. I drove exactly eight and six-tenths miles and there was the notch in the sand dune. There were traces of the old road. I followed it through the notch, and there was the house. I opened the door, set the bag inside, closed the door and walked back to the car. And now, there's nothing to do but wait. Within the next two hours and a half I'll know where to go and get Judie. And when I've got her back—his voice rose into a sudden roar—"those guys will find out who they've been monkeying with!"

Back in the library Hale wished he could share Polk's unquestioning confidence that Judie would be returned.

Congresswoman Cayples came in, looking strained and pouchy about the eyes. She murmured a greeting, seated herself and began to knit.

"Where's Orring?" Polk demanded.

"Isn't he interested in this?"

Mrs. Cayples flushed. "I'll send Pritchard to see."

Pritchard returned and his thin face wore an anxious look. "I can't rouse Mr. Orring," he reported, "and his door's locked."

Mrs. Cayples, Hale and Buford hurried up the stairs to Orring's door.

Hale, bending down, saw that the keyhole was empty. The door was not locked from the inside. "If you've got a master key, Pritchard, get it."

Pritchard went away at a stiff-legged run, and returned in less than a minute. Hale turned it in the lock and thrust the door open.

A heavy sweetish chemical odor swept out to meet them. "Chloroform!" Hale exclaimed.

Orring lay lax on the bed. A wad of gauze lay on the pillow beside his head, as if it had slipped off his face.

Putting a hand on Orring's chest, Hale found a heart beat.

"Call a doctor, Pritchard," he directed.

Leaving the others opening the windows, he left the room, pausing only to look quickly around near the door for the key. It was not there.

Whoever had chloroformed Orring had locked him in and carried away the key.

Returning to the library, Hale told Breckenridge Polk what had happened.

Buford came down in a little while, saying the doctor had arrived and Orring was reviving. "Sick now, though."

The last few minutes slipped away. "He didn't call!" Polk's voice was an unbelieving croak.

"Well," said Hale, "at least now we can do something."

Nine minutes later, Polk, Hale the chief, Sergeant Halloran and a squad of policemen climbed out of the notch in the sand dunes that led to the deserted house.

They rushed to the house and wrenched open the door.

"The suitcase is gone," said Polk. "This is where I put it."

The police investigated every inch of the house. When they had finished, it was clear that the \$300,000 was not there.

Leading away from the house to the highway were the prints of a man's shoes. At one place, where the sand was more solid, there were the print of a rubber heel.

Riding back in the car, the chief told Hale: "We're rounding up every criminal in Miami. We've already started. We can have every criminal who has ever been associated with any kidnapping rounded up and questioned, all over the United States. The F.B.I. is helping us with that. But most of all, we can find Harold Detridge."

"There's another man you want, chief," Hale said. "Walter Quillmire."

"The Wall Street big shot?" The chief's voice was almost shrill. "The multimillionaire? In God's name why would I want him in a kidnapping case?"

"Because," said Hale quietly, "he is Arthur Weiller, the train robber."

From his pocket Hale drew out the picture of Weiller the photographer had enlarged and retouched for him, taking off 40 pounds of weight and adding on 17 years.

"Who's that?" he demanded of the chief.

"Quillmire, of course."

Hale moved his thumb from over the name at the bottom of the picture.

"Weiller!" the chief's voice cracked. "Here, let me see that!"

"Well, I'll be damned. It could be. It could be!"

They were met at Polk's front door by a policeman.

"We got the gun this Pavich was killed with, chief," he said. "Orring Cayples picked it up on the beach while he was out there getting some air after that chloroform."

CHAPTER FIVE

Hale followed the chief out to his car.

"Listen, chief. Aside from the fact that Quillmire is Weiller, the train robber, his yacht, the Southern Star, pulled out of Miami 10 hours or so before Judie was kidnapped. And the ransom message was sent from a boat."

"Okay. I'll get the coast guard to send out a plane and hunt up the Southern Star. And we'll pick up Quillmire for questioning."

Hale went back to the house and was accosted by Bill Buford. "I found out how the guy got in that chloroformed Cayples." He pointed to a tree standing near the house. One of its branches hung over a balcony outside a window.

Hale and Buford drove over to Kelrayne's to inspect his room.

There was a shelf of books by the head of his bed and a table bearing a small radio beside it. The table drawer stood open. Kelrayne had taken something out of it before he left the room—a gun, perhaps.

The two men left the house. They walked down to a little dock on the bay, where a cruiser and speedboat were tied up.

The speedboat's cockpit seemed to be in perfect order.

The cruiser, the Ellamay, appeared to be in order too, except that four wicker armchairs were all jammed together in one corner. The pitching in the storm could have done that. There was a little puddle of water on the linoleum. Spray, probably.

Buford looked admiringly at the instrument board and Hale joined him.

"Oh—a radio telephone!" Bill turned knobs, lifted a telephone out of a protecting niche and listened. "Dead, though," he said. "Must be out of order."

Stepping across the floor, something gritted under Hale's feet. He



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picked up four or five small black fragments and examined them on his palm.

From the late Val Kelrayne's house Hale and Buford drove to police headquarters. The chief greeted them in some excitement.

"Sa-ay, the gun that killed Jake Pavich was Kelrayne's!"

Hale swiftly considered the implications of this new revelation.

"Well, the best I can get out of it is that Kelrayne went up to Polk's, shot Jake, came home, and went to bed, got up again, went out in his pyjamas and got bopped!"

"But what," Buford inquired, "is the matter with the idea that somebody killed Kelrayne and took his gun—and then went up to Polk's and killed Jake?"

"Because," said Hale, "Jake Pavich was dead an hour before Kelrayne died."

That noontime a coast guard airplane located Quillmire's yacht in an inlet on the mainland side, inside the Keys. But it was late afternoon before a cutter approached the ship.

Hale went along. He learned that Quillmire wasn't aboard and had left orders to sail for Chile without him. It was obvious that Judie Polk wasn't on board either. Hale's theory that the ransom message was sent from the Southern Star was slipping.

Back at the coast guard station Hale telephoned the chief of police and told him about the fruitless search of the Southern Star.

"Velma Martine's been murdered," exclaimed the chief. "Shot in her car at noontime downtown."

Velma Martine! Hale was suddenly sick with the realization that he should have paid more attention to the red-haired singer. He remembered her back at the Coral Strand Club, saying: "I think I ought to tell you... Everybody says the scream came from outside. It sounded to me as if it came from the inside." What had she been trying to tell them? They had searched the building then, and found no evidence at all.

He remembered too the last time he had heard Velma's voice. On the telephone—just last night, asking for Orring Cayples. And himself stepping out into the darkness to be struck down by someone hiding inside the open door of Judie's room. Why, why had he not been intelligent enough to search Velma Martine out the first thing today and ask her point blank what it was she was trying to tell them?

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ORIGIN OF MUSIC (IV)

It has been my endeavour in previous articles, to make some attempt at tracing the development of music from its earliest known time up to the death of Handel.

In point of time, and of development also, the next significant phase, is that which saw Beethoven (1770-1827) Schubert (1797-1828) and Haydn (1732-1809) upon a world left poorer by the passing of Bach and Handel some twenty years previously. These latter two musicians had thoroughly consolidated their positions in their life-time, and the reputations accorded them after their deaths set high standards to be achieved by any contestant for their laurels.

THAT Beethoven contested—and won—is too much of a truism to need stating. But it is all the more a tribute to his art that he did in fact succeed. Romaine Rolland's epic "Life of Beethoven," running, if I remember, to some 400 odd pages, is probably the most exhaustive treatise ever written, and is finest reading of the highest order.

It is doubtful, however, if even Beethoven could have reached the zenith of his art so quickly had it not been for the very solid foundations laid by "Papa" Haydn. Popularly and rightly known as the Father of the Orchestra, Haydn developed the thin combination favoured by Handel into a fairly full developed body of capable musicians.

HAYDN wrote his First Symphony in 1757 and with it initiated the first steps productive of the full emancipation of the orchestra. The brass section was still limited by two factors, one, the technical defects of the instruments themselves and secondly a lack of really first-class players of such brass instruments as existed.

Julius Harrison sums up the position when talking of Haydn's influence, he says, "The golden age of instrumental composition had arrived simultaneously with the first orchestra worthy of the name, melody, harmony, the making of instruments, all had progressed side by side until, midway through the 18th century, the long desired end had come in sight. The future now held a promise of greatness—the full measure of which no man could foresee." I quote almost in full because this paragraph seems most adequately to explain just how musical matters stood with Haydn's advent to the circle of master-composers.

BACH more probably more intent on the substance of his music, whereas Haydn, although he wrote music no less imperishable, went to unheard of lengths (for his age and times) to introduce what was to prove the first attempts at full-scale orchestration. He, it was who proved beyond doubt that the blending of instruments could be equally as lovely as vocal and chorus compositions.

In point of time, Beethoven should have fallen to be considered; but so tremendous is his part that he falls to be considered separately and I hope to be able to attempt some note on him, next week. So we skip to Schubert already mentioned—Schubert the romanticist, the dreamer, the composer who above all—in his short life—wrote music infused with such depth of feeling in its poignancy as to be quite unique.

THE tragedy of Schubert's short lived span is in its ill-spared spate of melody which he could have otherwise left to further to implement his reputation. As with Mozart, however, the Gods saw fit to eliminate him when only 31 years old. Thus was irrevocably lost a source of music which was so prolific that he rivaled in Bach and Handel in output.

Quite how far "Lilac Time" tells a true story of his life is open to some doubt. Poetic licence has probably

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played no small part in "re-hashing" for the stage a sufficiently good story to provide a peg on which to hang a varied selection of his music. It always seems to me "Lilac Time" is at least honest in that it pretends to be little more than an excuse for presenting Schubert's music in a popularly-acceptable form.

Schubert is generally accepted as being first in the field to bring the Romantic school of thought into Chamber Music. Whilst Beethoven had somewhat austere clung to a classical form, Schubert found within him an urge (and, praise be! the capacity to execute it) to allow his gift for lyrical melody full and unhampered rein.

SUNDAY

As is usual, I start the week's notes with Sunday's Symphony Concert, again timed to commence at 9.15 p.m.

The programme is to be—

Organ Concerto No. 2.Handel

Il mio Tesoro (Don Giovanni).

Mozart

The Clock SymphonyHaydn

Litanei (Piano Solo).Schubert

Concerto No. 3 for Piano.Prokofiev

Carnaval of the Animals. Saint-Saens

With the exceptional (a personal and individual remark) of Prokofiev, could a finer array of classical music be asked. I except Prokofiev because

with few notable exceptions, I do not understand the moderns, and many of the works of Milhaud, Honegger, Hindemith, and Shostakovich I find ponderously dull. Attribute it, if you will, to an entire lack of proper appreciation, but I would trade most modern music for an hour of Mozart or Handel. However, I hope to bear this Concerto again and keep open mind on it.

The opening item is Handel's glorious No. 2 Organ Concerto, which is to be classed surely as some of the noblest music written for an equally noble instrument. Record has it that Handel wrote his Organ concertos as a stop-gap to fill in spare-time between performances of his various Oratorios. As a means to display the dexterity of the soloist, they justify their composition on such ground alone. Whatever the reason for their composition—and even if they do not contribute so much to the organ's repertoire as do Bach's works they must surely be regarded as music to be heard again and again.

MOZART'S lovely aria "Il mio Tesoro" from his "Don Giovanni" is one of the most difficult tenor arias in the operatic range, but displays Mozart at his most appealing.

The famous "Clock" Symphony of Haydn follows. Its name is derived from the Second Movement (Andante), where the strings, playing pizzicato, are joined suddenly by the bassoons, the effect being as the ticking of a rusty pendulum in a grand-father clock. The whole Symphony is light-hearted in the extreme typical of Haydn's musical sense of humour.

MONDAY

AT 9.30 p.m. there is a radio adaptation of Esther McCracken's delightful play, "Quiet Week-end." I recall seeing this play at the King's Theatre, Southsea, and still remember the devastating scene where the pompous J.P. endeavours to hide his poached fish behind the settee. Esther McCracken must be regarded as a welcome addition to the sparse ranks of modern playwrights.

At 10.16 p.m. there is to be a London Studio Concert of Elgar's music. A quick glance I had through the programme leads me to suppose this feature will be well-worth hearing. El-

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gar's music is always a joy to hear, especially in his romantic vein.

TUESDAY

A TREAT for lovers of Gilbert & Sullivan is on the air at 9.25 p.m. of Tuesday night when "Trial by Jury" is being given.

Although not so well-known as "Ruddigore," "Mikado," "Gondoliers" and "Iolanthe," the same gay, infectious music and inimitable lyrics of Gilbert are there to hear.

Many members of the famous D'Oyley Carte Company take part, including Winifred Oldham, Darrell Fancourt and Derek Oldham.

WEDNESDAY

OPERATIC excerpts on Wednesday night include—

"Il Seraglio"Mozart
"Simon Boccanegra"Verdi
"Lucia di Lammermoor"Verdi
"Rigoletto"Verdi

Included is the famous sextette from "Lucia."

At 10.15 p.m. an unique feature is being broadcast, "Mickey Mouse is 21." There is no more devoted admirer of Mickey, Donald and especially the goory Pluto than I am. This coming of age programme includes contributions by Anne Shelton, Dinah Shore, Bing Crosby, Andrew Sisters, Shirley Temple, Edgar Bergen, Charles McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd (latter two by courtesy of Bergen). Indeed, this is an all-star cast assembled to pay tribute to a famous figure of the screen. Few figures can have gained a more solid hold on the affections of young and old alike than Mickey and his collaborators.

THURSDAY

A "EIVE" broadcast I anticipate with pleasure is featured at 8.10 p.m. when Miss Schumann Chou and Richard Lin, with Betty Drown at the piano, give a short song recital. "Live" features are few and far between, and it is always a pleasure to hear competent artists, such as these, broadcast in the Colony.

At 10.16 p.m. a programme I have noted before—"Thursday Serenade"—is being given. This feature, admirably arranged by Betty Drown, again affords an opportunity of hearing fine music in quiet mood.

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Health Page

The Doctor Says... Graham Harcourt Of Harley-Street Talks About Causes Of And Remedies For Insomnia

Sleep is an essential part of our life because it is the means by which the body regains physical vigour and mental energy.

Yet, even today, science has not discovered just why it occurs. Various theories put the reason as due to accumulated body poisons, or reflex lack of blood to the head, or even to pituitary gland control.

Whatever the cause, some people are lucky enough to drop off into dreamless slumber as soon as their head touches the pillow.

Others lie awake for what seems an age; and even when sleep comes at last they do not get the full benefit of a night's rest.

A good average sleep is one of eight hours. Some can do regularly with less; others need more.

Lately many people are complaining that they are needing a longer night. This may be due to prolonged mental strain, because nervous exhaustion is more difficult to replace than simple physical fatigue.

The causes of insomnia are varied. But the most frequent is habit, probably started at a time of anxiety. And, though the trouble may have passed, the habit remains.

So, though there is no certain means of getting quick and restful sleep, those who suffer from insomnia should try to turn the habit of sleeplessness into one of sleepiness.

For this to succeed it is essential to have a regular plan and adhere to it.

Begin by ensuring that the last meal is light and eaten three hours before usual bed-time. Then, shortly before retiring, take a not-too-hot bath of about 10 minutes.

Follow with half an hour of light reading in bed.

All this ensures relaxation of body and mind before settling down with a hot drink of some sort.

Such a scheme is often gratifyingly successful. But if it does not work of itself a mild sleeping draught for a few nights until the habit is formed can do no harm.

Reasons for waking up tired are usually physical and avoidable. Make certain the room is not stuffy; top windows open can do nothing but good. Lie on the side with not too-heavy bed-clothes. This is a position which will ensure deep breathing.

Shallow breaths mean waste products are not eliminated from the body during the night.

That brain cells are not active during sleep has been proved by a new electrical machine known as an electro-encephalogram. This takes tracings of minute electrical impulses given off by the brain.

So it is clear just why a good night will replenish mental as well as physical and nervous energy.

It is just as evident that, for continued good health, an amount of rest adequate for each individual's make-up must be obtained.

Any Clouds Today?

from NOEL MONKS

The town that provided a new word in the English language is besieged again—this time by nature.

First thing on the minds of Mafeking's 3,000 citizens when they wake up these days is not "Where's the relief column?" but "Any clouds today?"

For clouds mean rain. And there hasn't been a cloud bigger than an old-fashioned cannon ball for 100 days.

The town's surrounding agricultural district is dying of thirst. Crops are stunted and withered, cattle are hungry, and flour stocks are so low that no bread has been baked for the past week.

If it doesn't rain soon many people are faced with ruin. A rainmaker in Mafeking today who really did his stuff would rate a monument beside that of Colonel Baden-Powell, the man who held out for 217 days when Victoria was Queen and the Boers were our shooting opponents.

There is no "Maffeking" in Mafeking tonight. But there will be dancing in the market square when the rain comes. It's the same market square into which the besieging Boers lobbed shells regularly at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily for seven months.

A harsh sun beats down on the square today and on the iron roofs of the surrounding one-storey shops and houses.

The bank and Dixon's Hotel (which used to be "B.P.'s" headquarters) are the only places that have upstairs rooms in Mafeking.

In the hotel's cellar you can still see traces of "B.P.'s" occupancy—markings on the walls and cross beams. Cases of vodka, liqueurs, whisky, and champagne have replaced the sandbags.

Hotel manager Jack Jackson, who was a tank commander at Alamain, told me that there's not much demand for vodka in Mafeking—"but I like to have it in stock in case somebody asks for it," he says.

The champagne has already been booked for the first rainy day. The 1949 Commander-in-Chief of Mafeking

is a burly "lawyer," Rowe, the Mayor. Mayor Rowe looks like a butcher. He is a butcher and a baker as well.

Mayor Rowe is also chairman of every committee in the district. He would have made a great Town Marshal under "B.P."

Mr. Rowe, who did a bit of heavy-weight boxing in his young days, is holding out against the general prayers for rain, however, because, he confided to me, "it's sheer hypocrisy to have people drive up to church in 21,000 cars and pray for rain. How many do you think would follow me if I called for a trek of 50 miles out into the veldt on foot and there pray for rain? Not many, I can tell you, man."

No Remembrance

I find it strange that in this town steeped in British history there is no annual ceremony, even on Relief Day, May 17. The four seven-pounder cannon that comprised "B.P.'s" main artillery stand rusty and forlorn outside the Town Hall.

You can barely read the inscriptions on them.

There is a Mafeking garrison monument and also a fine statue of Cecil Rhodes, who set out from here for Rhodesia. But that's all.

There is, of course, no statue to Dr. Jameson, who leapt on his horse outside Dixon's Hotel and rode off on his disastrous raid.

Once the English population here was 80 per cent. It is less than 15 now. In a few more years Mafeking will belong to the Afrikaners as completely as if the Boers had carried it after all.

There are, though, three spots that are forever England. One is the cemetery on the town's outskirts, where members of the garrison who fell during the siege are buried.

Another is the Administration Office of the Bechuanaland Protectorate, which enjoys extra-territorial rights.

And the third is the Mafeking Club. The club, I was told by an official, has the unworthy, ill-advised aim of

New Treatment For Cancer

Research by United Kingdom scientists directed to the understanding of normal growth caused by certain chemicals may lead to a new treatment for cancer.

The initial discovery was, in this case, an accident—as so often happens with any totally new line of research. It was noticed in 1945 that the administration of a complex coloured substance to albino rats had the quite unexpected effect of producing an orange-yellow pigmentation of their hair. Other coloured substances of similar type were then tried, and among them xanthopterin had no effect on coat colour, but it increased significantly the size of the rat's kidney. And this was due to a great increase in the rate of cell division of the kidney tubules. The same effects was observed in a laboratory mouse, a rabbit, hamster and guinea-pig.

Xanthopterin occurs naturally in the kidney and it is believed that it is present there as a growth regulator. The greatest danger of cancer is that so far no efficient means has been found to stop the unregulated growth of malignant cells.

Researchers now believe that the co-ordinated growth of the normal tissues depends upon the supply of essential substances from an external source and that, contrariwise, malignant cells may have acquired the power to synthesize these essential substances, or their equivalents, themselves. Research into the means by which the normal growth of cells is so delicately adjusted may put the scientists into the position to answer the question why the growth of malignant cells is so unregulated and this again, may prove a decisive step on the way of treating cancer by chemicals.

Eliminating The Mosquito

The elimination of malaria mosquito is a matter of perennial interest to many Asian countries and many are the methods used to this end. One of these, the coating of water pools with a thin film of kerosene oil, has proved effective but possesses several drawbacks one of which is that it is poisonous to fishes. It is interesting, therefore, in the current issue of the journal "Farmer", to come across a reference to a "natural" method advocated by the late Sir Albert Howard whose name will long be remembered in India and Pakistan as that of the originator of the "Indore" system of cultivation.

Sir Albert wrote, "I discovered in Assam in 1937 that on an island among rice in which water hyacinth is plentiful it is possible to sleep out of doors during the autumn, go duck shooting without a mosquito net and without getting an attack of malaria. The water hyacinth appears to possess the power of rendering water unsuitable for the breeding of malaria mosquito—an interesting point which seems to have escaped the attention of our malariologists."

"keeping out the Afrikaners."

Near the British cemetery are the graves of 250 men, women, and children who were alleged to have died in the "wicked British concentration camp." At least, there are 250 piles of white stones there without inscriptions on them.

As recently as 1934 a monument was erected to their memory.

Two framed pictures in the club's bar catch the eye. One is that of William Goodyear, the first Boy Scout, who was a messenger boy during the siege. The other is that of a young Mafeking boy who at 21 became the Empire's most decorated hero in World War I—Captain A. P. W. Proctor, VC, DSO, MC and bar, and DFC.

They used to call Proctor "Tom Thumb" here because he was so short. Turned down for service, he stowed away to England in 1918 and joined the RAF. He won all his medals in two months' actual combat duty.

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Programme News

WAYNE AND RADFORD
Naughton Wayne and Basil Radford are at it again, this time in a new eight-part serial by Max Kester called 'Having a Wonderful Crime.' These two inimitable addle-pates change their names from one serial to another, but to the listeners' delight they are always deliciously the same, charming, exceptionally literal-minded, extraordinarily slow on the uptake, but English gentlemen throughout all adversity, with upper lips as stiff as cement. This time Wayne is called Hamilton Hargreaves, whilst Radford rejoices in the name of Digby Hunter, and the setting is in Ireland, at the village of Bally-goolish in County Mayo. General Overseas Service on Tuesday at 9.30; a.m. and Saturday at 4 p.m.

SHAKESPEARIAN MUSIC
Here is an out-of-the-ordinary radio programme, which should have exceptional appeal to those interested in music and literature. 'Shakespeare and his Musician,' an enquiry into Shakespeare's use of music, has been written and produced by Douglas Cleverdon. Taking part will be Marjorie Westbury, Alfred Deller, and the Dolmetsch Consort of Viols, Elizabeth Poston will supervise the Elizabethan music played by viols, recorders, counter-tenor, lute, virginal and harpsichord—and perhaps from their performance we may realise that the music which Shakespeare described as the food of love was not the sort of music with which we are familiar today. (General Overseas: Tuesday, 5 p.m.)

W. W. JACOBS' STORY
For 40 years the late W. W. Jacobs was one of the most widely-read of English humourists. There was nothing savage or bitter about this gentle humorist. His books as a rule portrayed a kindly world of humble seafaring men involved in tangled subterfuges and family troubles. Every now and then, however, he wrote a grim little story, such as his famous 'The Monkey's Paw.' It is a story of this type, 'The Toll House,' that has been selected as this week's short story in 'The Story-teller' series in the General Overseas Service on Wednesday at 10 a.m.

B.B.C. Highlights

Sunday, February 13.

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.
10.30 THE REITH LECTURES (5)—by Bertrand Russell.
GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
11.15 ORCHESTRA OF THE THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE—Conductor: Reginald Burston.

P.M.
12.30 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL—Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins.
2.10 'THE RADIO DOCTOR'—Pant-y-Gwydr Baptist Church, Swansea, conducted by the Rev. Frank Lee.
4.30 SUNDAY SERVICE—Pant-y-Gwydr Baptist Church, Swansea, conducted by the Rev. Frank Lee.

5.00 LISTENERS' CHOICE
6.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
6.15 'THREE'S COMPANY'—Lena Horne, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Mayerl.
8.15 'TAKE IT FROM HERE'—Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards, Wallis Eaton, Alan Dean, The Keynotes, BBC Revue Orchestra, conductor, Frank Cantell. Script by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.
8.45 COLONIAL QUESTIONS
9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN
9.15 'SWEET SERENADE'—Peter Yorke and his Concert Orchestra, with Carole Carr and Steve Conway.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL
10.15 'CONCERTO'—A series of weekly programmes. Richard Strauss's Horn Concerto in E flat played by Sydney Coulston and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conductor, Charles Groves. Programme also includes Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G (Surprise) and Rimsky-Korsakov's Spanish Caprice.

11.45 'CHURCHMEN IN PROFILE'—A series of biographical talks on leaders of British Church life during the past 100 years. 1: Introductory talk by the Rev. Charles Smyth.

Monday, February 14.

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.
10.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME H. W. Nevinston—H. N. Brailsford gives personal recollections of his friend H. W. Nevinston—scholar, journalist, and man of action.
GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
9.30 'TIP-TOP TUNES'—Gerald and his Orchestra.

P.M.
12.30 'MICKEY MOUSE IS TWENTY-ONE'—A celebration programme of songs and scenes from Walt Disney's most famous films with Robert Beatty, Anna Shelton, Joseph McNally, The George Mitchell Choir, Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra, conducted by Frank Cantell. Musical arrangements by Frank Cordell, Jack Beaver, and Wally Wallond.
4.00 'THE SMALL HOUSE AT ALLINGTON'—by Anthony Trollope. Adapted for broadcasting by H. Oldfield Box. Episode 3.
4.30 'HAVE A GO!'—The Quiz visits Kilkeel, the ancient capital of the Kingdom of Mourne.
6.00 A story by Max Beerbohm 'NOT THAT I WOULD BOAST'—Adapted by Christopher Sykes.
9.15 SOUTH AFRICA V. ENGLAND THE FOURTH CRICKET TEST MATCH—An eye-witness account by John Arlott of the third day's play at Johannesburg.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL
10.15 Eric Barker in 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.

10.45 ULSTER MAGAZINE
11.15 'CAPRICE'—An entertainment with Marie Burke, Bruce Carfax, Betty Paul, Elton Hayes, and Winifred Taylor.
11.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'

Tuesday, February 15.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.
9.15 SCIENCE REVIEW
9.30 Naughton Wayne and Basil Radford in 'HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME'—Comedy thriller in eight episodes by Max Kester. 1: 'We're Off'.

10.30 'A SLIGHT CASE OF MUSIC'—between Cherry Lind and Benny Lee, accompanied by Alan Paul and Edna Hatzfeld at the pianos.
10.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'

11.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus. Conductor: Walter Goehr. Janet Howe (mezzo-soprano) Richard Lewis (tenor). Excerpts from the operas of Meyerbeer and Tchaikovsky.
P.M.

12.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—from the Kilburn Empire, London, with Primo Scala, Alfred Marks, Arnie Kilton, Reg Dixon, Bert Cecil, Colindson and Breen, Ted and Barbara Andrews, and Julie and Derek Roy.
2.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA
4.00 'SCARLET AND BLUE'—Band of the Irish Guards. Conductor: Major G. H. Willcocks. Lutes Girls' Choir. Conductor: Arthur E. Davies. Denys Darlow (organ).
5.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME Marjorie Westbury, Alfred Deller, and the Dolmetsch Consort of Viols in 'SHAKESPEARE AND HIS MUSICIANS'—An enquiry into Shakespeare's use of music. Written and produced by Douglas Cleverdon.
6.00 AMERICAN LETTER—by Allister Cooke.
7.15 'CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE'—The Promenade Players, conductor, Sydney Bowman, with Winifred Atwell and Donald Thorpe at two pianos.

9.15 SOUTH AFRICA V. ENGLAND THE FOURTH CRICKET TEST MATCH—An eye-witness account by John Arlott of the third day's play at Johannesburg.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL
11.45 REPORT FROM BRITAIN—A weekly talk by Vernon Bartlett.

Wednesday, February 16.

EASTERN SERVICE
P.M.
10.30 'THE BRAINS TRUST'—Resident Team: Compton Mackenzie, F. C. Hooper, and Dr. C. D. Darlington. Question-Master: Donald McCullough.
GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
9.30 'MUCH BINDING IN THE MARSH'—The Toll-House, a short story by W. W. Jacobs, read by Laidman Browne.
11.15 'UP THE POLE'—with Jimmy Jewel, Ben Warriss, Claude Dampier, Jon Pertwee, Betty Paul, and the Five Smith Brothers.

P.M.
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5.00 'CONCERTO'—A series of weekly programmes. Vivaldi and Bach Concerto in A minor for four pianos and strings. Vivaldi, arr. Bach Concerto in D minor for three pianos and strings. Bach played by Kathleen Belford, Catherine Shanks, Wight Henderson.

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8.45 BILLY MAYERL RHYTHM ENSEMBLE
9.15 SOUTH AFRICA V. ENGLAND THE FOURTH CRICKET TEST MATCH—An eye-witness account by John Arlott of the fourth day's play at Johannesburg.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL—11.15 LAND AND LIVESTOCK—Agricultural magazine.
11.45 BALANCE OF EUROPE—weekly commentary by Andrew Shonfield, on the Recovery Programme.

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A.M.
11.45 'THIRTY YEARS OF BRITISH JAZZ'—Presented by Hector Steward.

P.M.
1.00 Cyril Stapleton and his Orchestra in 'THE MUSIC BOX'—5.00 'THE MERCHANT NAVY PROGRAMME'—6.00 SCIENCE AND EVERYDAY LIFE—Our Food Supplies. First of two talks by Dunstan Skilbeck.

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PARTNERS IN £11,000,000

John Spedan Lewis is a man who has spent 44 years of his life working for Partnership in Industry.

That work began when, 19 years old, he joined his father's Oxford-street firm.

To young Lewis there seemed to be something wrong about a system which allowed his father, his brother, and himself to draw £26,000 a year out of the business, while "to all the other people, who were likewise giving to it the whole of their working lives, it was only yielding another £16,000 a year."

So unfair, and inefficient, did he think this arrangement that he devised a new system. Today, at 63, as chairman of the John Lewis Partnership, he tells in a new book* the story of this development.

Partnership is his theme—not profit-sharing, or even co-partnership. All the 12,000 workers in Lewis and its subsidiaries are known as Partners. But in the early days Lewis had to fight his father's opposition to the new-fangled notion.

It was four years before, in 1914, he got a chance to try out his ideas. His father gave him the firm of Peter Jones, then rapidly losing sales, to reorganise. It took young Lewis almost six years, with the first war intervening, to make Peter Jones pay. One snag was a shortage of working capital, for the smart Belgrave clientele kept long accounts. But in 1920, when he could show a £20,000 profit, he introduced his Partnership scheme.

Whole Profit

The essence of this is that "the workers get the whole profit and the sharing is entirely among themselves." Partnership Benefit, as it is called, is distributed in the form of shares which may be realised for cash.

Benefit is in proportion to the individual's yearly earnings. Stockholders get a moderate fixed dividend, about 4.36 per cent. on the £11,000,000 capital.

His father asked Lewis to return to Oxford-street in 1920, but until 1928, when the old man died at 92, Lewis was unable to introduce any innovations there. But for his father's failure to retire at 75, Lewis thinks that his business would today be twice its size. "His theories were all right," he says of his father, "but his practice was not sound."

This is the Lewis formula:
1. Pay high for managerial ability and cast the net wide for recruits. Today the Partnership is as studded with ex-Brass Hats as the Coal Board. Lewis justifies his policy by pointing to the results. "We want the same sort of men who enter public service," he says, "but we must also give them a higher ideal than merely making money."
2. Level up wages for the "rank and file" partner. Eventually, thinks Lewis, the gap between managers and managed should not be excessive.
3. Give to all Partners a sense of service to the community, an unselfish ideal.

Invested Skill

This ideal is the "Self-Governing Workshop," or "Producer's Co-operative." Hitherto, says Lewis, risk capital has made claims on industry out of all proportion to the services rendered. The real profits of higher output should go to those who invest their lives and skill in the business, and by giving them shares the business can be made self-financing.

It can work with any size of business from a barrow upwards, he claims. Shares don't carry votes, in order to prevent outsiders gaining control.

This industrial democracy is governed by a council elected from "constituencies" among the Partners. The council settles the knotty questions, as whether the Partnership is to work after a mid-week Christmas or take a holiday over the week-end and lose a proportion of Partnership Benefit. Lewis claims that, while he is still Chairman, he has no day-to-day control

New Books

'Emma Bovary' May Live Next Door

BY PETER QUENNELL

It would take more than the combined ingenuity of British and American film-magnates to leave a permanently disfiguring mark on "Pride and Prejudice," "Wuthering Heights," or "Anna Karenina."

But there is no doubt that for some weeks or months after we have seen them twisted around, pulled inside out, and hacked and battered into film-form we feel a distinct shadow between our selves and our favourite works of fiction.

Madame Bovary is said to be next on the list. Before that magnificent novel is classed as "the book of the 19th"—and we have watched a Californian star, who has learned her French accent from a Viennese director, rather vaguely impersonating a discontented doctor's wife—here is an opportunity, provided by a good new translation, of re-reading one of the major triumphs of modern realistic literature.

For "Madame Bovary," originally published much to the scandal of Gustave Flaubert's contemporaries in 1857, is a narrative that has never dated.

Of Every Age

In every age and climate there are women like the heroine; and I have often thought that Mrs. Thompson, of the Thompson-Bywaters case, was perhaps just such a character as Flaubert drew so lovingly.

Emma, too, has an unsatisfied thirst for life, and rebels against her circumstances. She resorts to day-dreaming as she might have resorted to drugs; and the dreams with which she intoxicates herself at length become her poison.

More attractive, a good deal more imaginative than the dull inhabitants of the drab Norman village where her husband earns his livelihood she aspires to a romantic luxurious world from which she is for ever cut off. Illicit love offers a means of escape; and she is unfaithful to the plodding Charles first of all with Rodolphe, a coarse and rakish local landowner, and, when Rodolphe has proved false, with the young and sentimental Leon. Each attempted escape concludes in

of the business. "I'm like a cricket umpire," he says, "there to see fair play. Anyhow, in 1935 I died creatively; others must think up the ideas now."

'Not Perfect'

He is the first to admit that the Partnership is not perfect, and his disarming candour makes it difficult to criticise the book. That not more than 50 per cent. of the Partners have the real Partnership spirit is what he thinks, evidenced by the loss of 300 cups in eight weeks from one of the canteens.

The carelessness of leaving the sports' club gear about can be combated, according to Lewis, by week-end courses and free seats at the opera.

Early marriage, to develop the sense of personal responsibility, is encouraged by salary increases, but Lewis eyes with suspicion bachelors who ask for a rise to save up for matrimony. They might dodge it after all, he says. Is his system, as he claims, the "future of private enterprise"?

William Richmond

* "Partnership for All," by John Spedan Lewis (Ker Cross Publishing Co., 12s. 6d.).

an emotional dead-end; and Emma, Bovary, distraught and frustrated, comes at length to suicide.

Till All Is Lost

Today her commonplace yet pathetic story might have had a less disastrous closing chapter; but her essential tragedy would have been still the same—that of a woman who demands from life as her due more than she can put into it, and in the irreconcilable conflict between her desires and her circumstances finally loses every gift she values....

Flaubert spent several laborious years composing "Madame Bovary," writing and re-writing, immersed in incessant revision, seldom mounting to the surface to draw a breath of fresh air.

So thoroughly did he share in his heroine's sufferings that, when he wrote of her death by arsenic, an attack of the symptoms he described threatened to drive him from his writing-table....

Though it contains no copy-book maxims, "Madame Bovary" (I should add) is among the most moral works ever printed. Though Flaubert refuses to spare his heroine, his attitude towards her dilemma remains profoundly charitable.

Sixteen Tales

Of the week's new books, none has made on me a deeper impression than William Plomer's *Four Countries*. This is a collection of 16 tales, divided equally between Africa, Japan, Greece, and England.

Never showily but always skillfully written each episode provides some characteristic reflection of the country that it deals with, summed up in the lives of individual men and women.

Particularly good are the sketches of Japan "Thy Neighbour's Creed," of which the scene is laid in the doomed city of Hiroshima long before the bomb fell, is probably the best of a distinguished group of stories.

VARIETY FARE

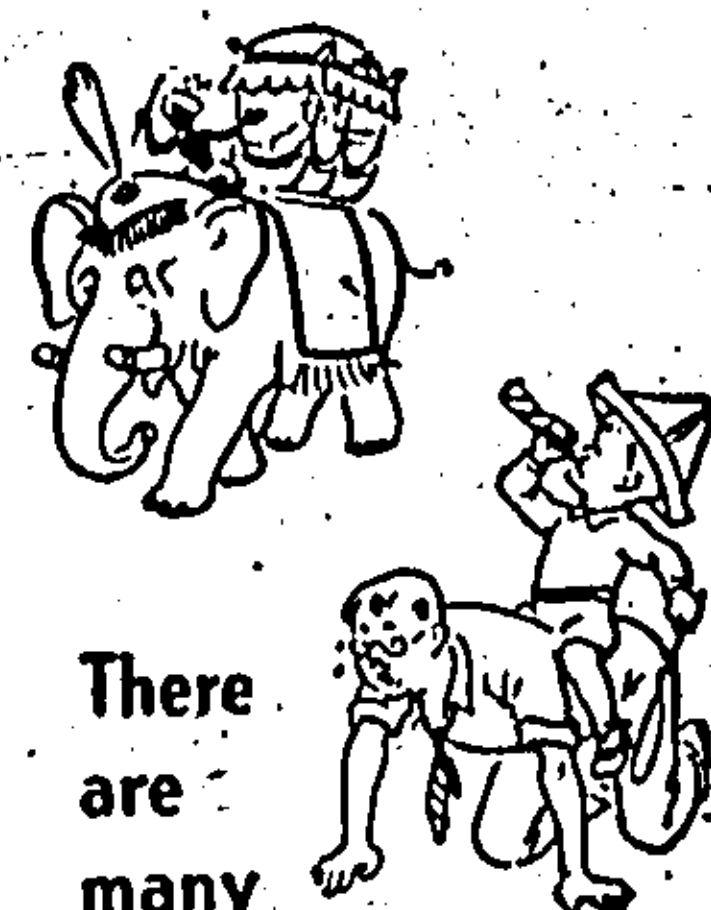
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SATURDAY

At 8.30 p.m. Act III of Verdi's "Aida" is being given. The previous two acts have unmistakably demonstrated (if proof were needed) what an outstanding tenor is Cigli. One can but feel admiration for his effortless singing, his rich voice being so suited to the tender music Verdi has provided. Maria Caniglio, too, is amongst the finest of modern Italian sopranos. She proves herself a very worthy Aida, though I doubt much if the equal of Elizabeth Rethberg in this role will be found for many years to come.

General Knowledge Answers

1. A gale is expected from the N.E. quadrant.
2. It is supposed to be the remnants of a bridge erected in the time of Ptolemy to connect Antrim with Scotland.
3. 323 B.C.
4. February, 1946.
5. Almost exactly two millions.
6. Scotsman: 5ft. 8½ in. Englishman: 5ft. 7½ in.
7. 38 to 65.



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- A.M.
- 9.30 'WATERLOGGED SPA'
 - 10.00 SCOTTISH MAGAZINE.
- P.M.
- 4.00 'HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME'
 - 4.30 'UP THE POLE'
 - 6.30 'MASTERS OF DESIGN'—'Bach.' An illustrated talk by Trevor Harvey.
 - 9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
 - 9.15 THE MAJESTIC ORCHESTRA—Conducted by Lou Whitehead/Mona Litter (piano).
 - 10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
 - 10.15 SATURDAY SPORT—Including commentaries on Soccer—Scottish Cup Third Round (Music included during this period).

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News Quiz

Do you know These Famous
Headline Girls?
"A CROWN FOR GLORIA" (1)
"MAGGIE SAYS LONDON IS
"REET-UPTA MARK" (2)
"THE HONEYMOON IS OVER
FOR VALERIE" (3)

Answers

1. Gloria Tiphubb, a 17-year-old chemist's assistant, who was yesterday crowned Mumton Magna's Tram Queen for 1949. "I'm ever so pleased to have been chosen, and so are Mum and Dad. I shall certainly do my best to prove worthy of my high position," said Gloria after the ceremony.

2. Maggie Throstlewaite, the 18-year-old daughter of a deceased Sheffield dustman, who paid her first visit to London yesterday, and, after seeing the Zoo returned again in triumph to Sheffield with a new bust bodice for her grandma and a box of paints for her little sister Eile.

3. Valerie Kleingeldt (nee Valeria Pudds, of Sandridge, Essex), a young G.I. bride, who has just returned to this country from Smokey Hill Fork, Kansas, because she couldn't get used to American food. "They don't seem to have heard of Yorkshire pudding and tripe and onions," she said to reporters when she landed at Liverpool.

O, JOY, JOY!

From next week there will be a full-sized small column for everybody. Please help your fishmonger and yourself by asking him to save you a clean copy. Above all, don't forget to put your barometers back tonight. It is definitely going to rain tomorrow. The Weather Report says "Fair."

WILD GUESS

"There was one interesting event—the arrival of a wriggling mass of little caterpillars in the airing cupboard of Mrs. —'s bathroom."

"I don't know what they are," explained Mrs. —. "I have given them a fresh leaf or two every time we humans have had a meal. . . they've done quite well."—From a gossip column.

H.M. They sound exactly like M13, the new Crippsian Peeping Toms, to us.

Look! There's A Hook In The Eclair!

Were we asked to choose one monstrosity more than another as being typical of the age we live in—and we bar absolutely nothing, Elinor, not even artificial moons stuffed with poisoned atom bombs, suspended in space—then we think we should select Science's latest threat to the human digestion—a machine to make cake-icing from fish.

Here, child, in the dreadful words of a research chemist (or modern chef) is the official recipe for this deplorable concoction:

"The fish is first stewed with acetic acid to remove minerals, and is then treated with alcohol. The fat is taken out with trichlorethylene. What is left is digested with caustic soda, to break down the proteins. The result, when spray-dried, looks like ground chalk."

What secret incantations are mumbled over this modern witches' brew are mercifully left to our imaginations, but we may be sure they are pretty measly-mouthed, because the cauldrons are bubbling officially under the directions of—now don't laugh, Elinor!—the Ministry of Food!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1949.

Over to You

NEWS QUIZ

1. The Prince Primate of Hungary was this week sentenced to life imprisonment for alleged offences against the State. How do you spell his name?
2. Two modern cinemas are shortly to be opened in the Colony, one at Causeway Bay and one in Nathan Road. How are they to be named?
3. Who is the head of the Stern Gang, who has been elected to the Israeli parliamentary assembly, but is being charged with leading terrorists?
4. Government employees were awarded increases in High Cost of Living Allowances, retrospective from January 1. What is the highest proportionate allowance?
5. An egg started a dispute in Britain on sex education for children. Where did the controversy start?
6. A libel action in Paris is concerned with an anti-Soviet best-seller, of which the author is Victor Kravchenko. What is the name of his book?
7. An American six-jet bomber flew from Washington to Maryland, over a distance of more than 2,200 miles in three hours, 40 minutes. Do you recall the average speed?

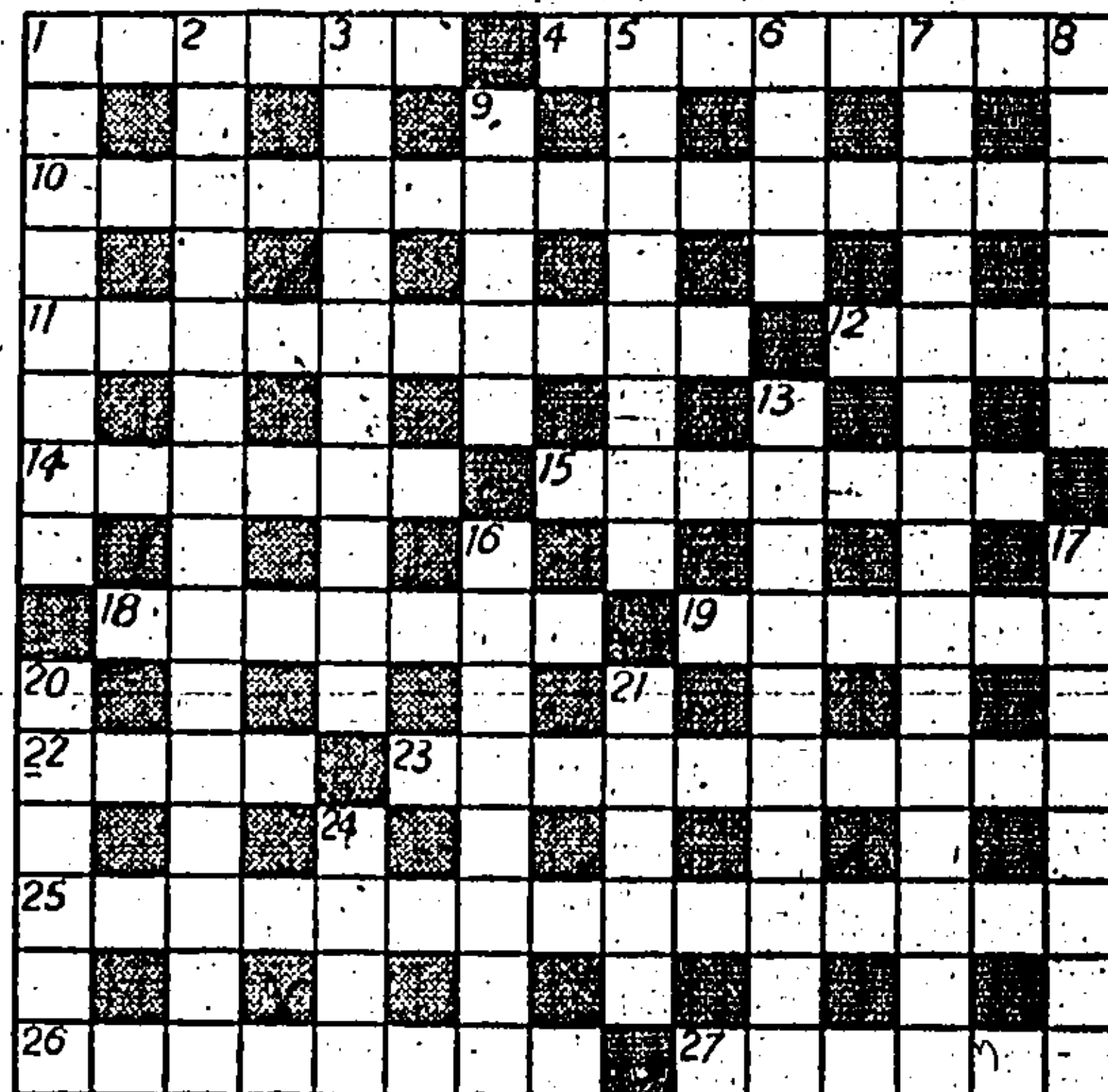
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. If the No. 7 typhoon signal is hoisted in Hong Kong, what is it supposed to signify?
2. Basalt columns on the coast of Antrim, eight miles from Portrush, are known as The Giant's Causeway. Do you know the legend associated therewith?
3. Alexander's invasion of India is the first clear landmark in India's history. Can you recall the date?
4. When was Mr. Trygve Lie appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations?
5. Italy voted by referendum in favour of a Republic in June 1946. Can you remember roughly the margin of victory?
6. If you were asked to guess, would you say the average height of a Scotsman was greater than the average height of an Englishman, or the reverse?
7. Wind Force 8-9 Beaufort scale indicates a gale. But what are the limits of velocity in statute miles per hour?

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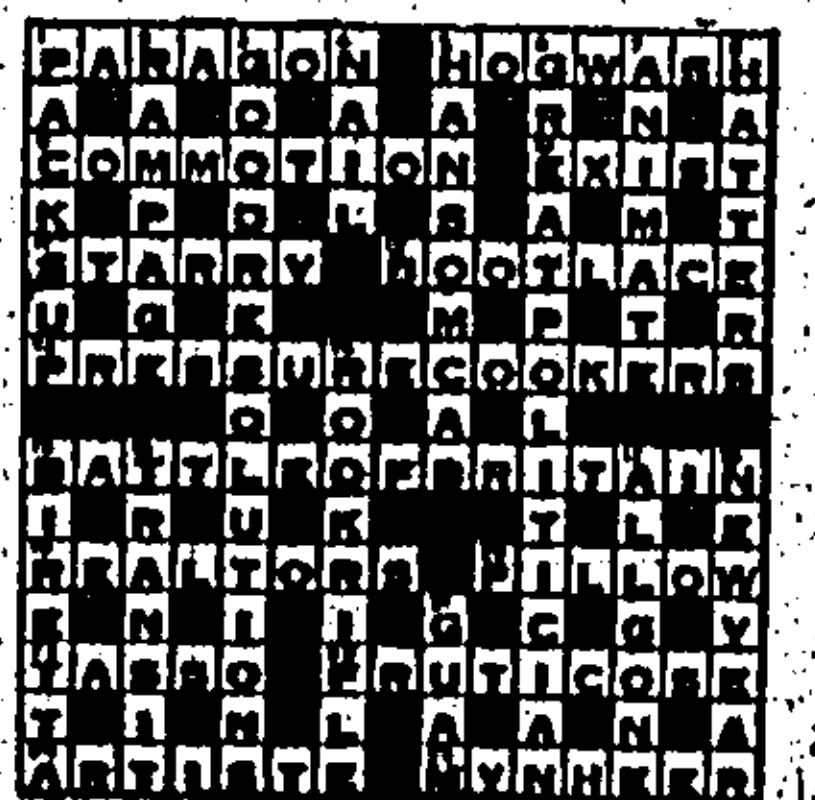
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Across

- 1 This establishment takes precedence when it's in it. (6)
- 4 Encouragement to a frolic in flower. (9)
- 10 Obviously this enactment didn't originate in a variety bill. (3, 2, 10)
- 11 It cuts along over the waves. (10)
- 12 Ponder an opening. (4)
- 14 Large areas, as once they might have been. (6)
- 15 He was faithful to Aeneas. (7)

Solution To No. 93



- 18 A dream in the omnibus to Kew? (7)
- 19 One over the eight, as it were. (6)
- 22 A case of long drawn out suffering. (4)
- 23 Rosa cheers for them. (10)
- 25 They have healthy pre-occupations. (15)
- 26 Is this fowl stringy to eat? (8)
- 27 They used to have their master at court. (6)

Down

- 1 A low pit's found in the East End. (8)
- 2 Is "English as she is spoke" the answer here? Yes (and no). (2, 3, 10)
- 3 An un-English vote. (10)
- 5 Both far and close: it's outside. (2, 6)
- 6 A tribesman: may one say "Cheese it"? (4)
- 7 He's in good keeping, for national reasons. (8, 2, 6)
- 8 His output is not blank. (6)
- 9 Douglas is like this billiard player. (5)
- 13 Not a western resort, nor even this. (10)
- 16 Raced and run in a ship. (8)
- 17 There's something in the postscript that disturbs sister. (8)
- 20 Stump on the ground. (6)
- 21 He never changes. (6)
- 24 Instability. (4)



BRIDGE

There is an art in steering a trump contract into the right part hand. The principal consideration is the holding of a major tenace. Ace-Queen. The opening lead should come up to, and not go through, tenace. The hand holding this ten should therefore be the hold-up hand. Here is a case in point.

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H 10 6
D K Q 3
C A Q 8

S Q 3 2
H J 8 5 4
D 10 8 5 2
C 7 4

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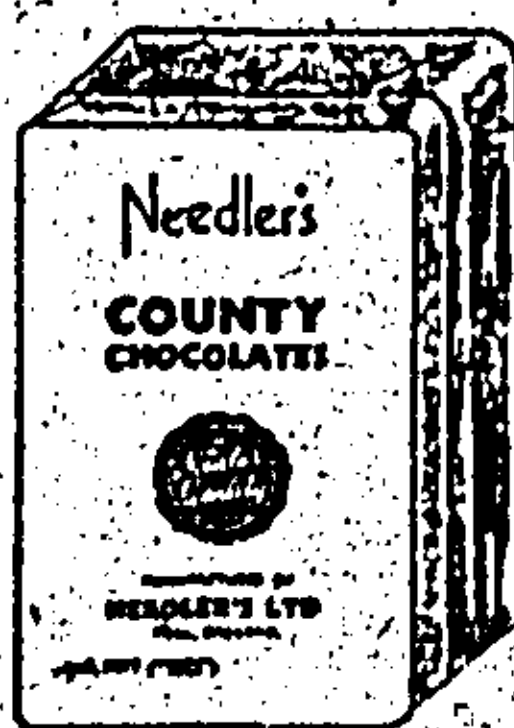
S K 9
H K Q 7 2
D A J 4
C 9 6 3 2

North, the dealer, opened with One ("prepared") Club, not only to give his partner a chance of a one-over-one response, but also to give himself a better chance of a rebid on his minimum values. South bid One Heart. North had then a golden opportunity to bid One No-trump because of his major tenace in Clubs and because this neutral bid did not promise additional values. He, however, missed his opportunity and bid One Spade. South then bid Two No-trumps and North Three No-trumps. East doubled for a lead through North's Clubs.

North played the Eight of Clubs on this lead and East took the trick and returned a Spade to the Queen. West led another Club and the declarer could not then avoid the loss of three tricks in this suit.

The contract might have been made had North played the hand in No-trumps, as the lead of a Club by East gives North two tricks in the suit. The probable play is: Trick (1) Jack of Clubs to Queen. (2) small Spade to King. (3) Nine of Spades to Ace, and if East now leads anything but a Spade (declarer's suit) the contract of Three No-trumps can be made. In any case, eight tricks can be made, one more than South made.

A different opening bid could also have steered the No-trump contract into the right hand: North One Spade, South Two Hearts, North Two No-trumps, South Three No-trumps.



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UNITED STATES PROPOSES LIMITS ON COMMITMENTS

Washington, February 11.

Intense dissatisfaction is being expressed in European diplomatic circles here at the last-minute United States proposals to limit the American commitments in the proposed North Atlantic Security pact.

The new United States proposals, would eliminate any precise commitment of the signatories to the pact to take military action if another is attacked.

They would also keep the pact from taking effect before all the Governments concerned have ratified it. As previously drafted, the pact would have obliged signatories to take military or other action forthwith and would have been binding as soon as the treaty is ratified by half of the signatories.

The effect of the new American proposal is to prevent the pact from becoming a military alliance under the usual interpretation of the terms.

Apart from the veto in the Security Council, the obligations undertaken by the United States under the proposed revision of the pact appear to be less than those undertaken in the United Nations Charter. They also fall short of those undertaken by the members of the Western European Union to each other and of the military commitments offered by Sweden to Norway and Denmark in the proposed Scandinavian defence pact.

The revelation of the new proposals first published in the New York Times is described by State Department officials as very embarrassing. It has increased the urgency of one of the most important questions being put to the United States Government by the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Dr. Halvard Lange, during his fact-finding mission here.

This is what protection of military assistance can be guaranteed to Norway, before the time she joins in the negotiations of the pact and the time its guarantees come into operation?

No Decision

If, according to the latest American proposals, the pact is inoperative until all the signatories have ratified it, this may be some months. A legislative upset in any one of the signatory countries could presumably delay the operation of the pact indefinitely.

Lange and the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, announced that after careful consideration of the security problems confronting Norway, they had reached no decision on Norway's membership in the North Atlantic Pact.

They made their announcement after Dr. Lange had talked with Mr. Acheson for one hour and 15 minutes at the State Department before leaving for New York by air.

Dr. Lange said he will leave for London tomorrow and hopes to see the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, on Monday.

Dr. Lange also called on President Truman. He spent 15 minutes at the White House. Dr. Lange said he was treated with "great friendship and great understanding."

He told journalists his call on President Truman was mostly a courtesy visit and that he did not discuss Norway's defence problems.

Full Discussion

The joint statement said: "As the Norwegian Foreign Minister stated before his departure from Oslo, his purpose in coming to Washington was to obtain information concerning the proposed North Atlantic Pact."

"In the conversations between the Foreign Minister and members of his delegation and the Secretary of State, there has been full and frank discussion of the objectives and nature of the proposed pact."

"The Norwegian delegation also presented its views regarding the security problems confronting Norway, all aspects of which were carefully considered. No decisions were contemplated or reached during these discussions."

Dr. Lange brushed smilingly through a crowd of reporters saying he had nothing to add to this announcement as he left Mr. Acheson's office. It was his second conference with the Secretary of State this week.

No Commitment

The first was held last Monday and since then Dr. Lange has conferred with other State Department officials.

On the basis of the official communiqué, authoritative quarters here said that it is apparent that:

1.—A full exposition of the obligations entailed in Atlantic Pact membership has been made.

2.—Norway's immediate and long-term security problems have been stated and the possibility of the United States fulfilling them explored.

3.—Dr. Lange has entered into no specific commitment but will report to his Cabinet on his return to Oslo, where a decision is likely to be reached.—Reuter.

NORWAY RESISTING PRESSURE

Washington, February 11. Mr. A. E. Staley, chief of the Marshall Aid mission in Oslo, declared today that Norway is determined to maintain her independence and not succumb to pressure from any source.

"The Norwegians are true friends of democracy," he told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. They are willing to fight for it. To defend it successfully, they need the help of a better tomorrow, the imports necessary to rehabilitate their economy and the strength to enable them to resist any aggression designed to impair their freedom."

Mr. Staley, who was speaking on the proposal to continue the Marshall Plan for 15 months more, claimed that Norway is maintaining one of the most austere economies in all Europe.

He criticized the Norwegian Government for not doing as good a job as they might have in developing the tourist trade.

Mr. Staley said the \$105 million worth of aid sought for Norway for the year beginning in July is a minimum figure and good reasons could have been found for a larger allocation.

"I firmly believe it is possible for Norway to achieve a reasonable measure of recovery by June, 1952, and to be independent of outside aid," he said.—Reuter.

Diplomats Too Hasty

Paris, February 11. The position of Norway in Western and in Scandinavian defence has been made more uncertainly rather than clarified by the Norwegian Foreign Minister's visit to Washington, the influential conservative evening paper, Le Monde, said here today.

"One section of American opinion," said Le Monde, "strongly blames the diplomats' hastiness to recruit an extra ally at the cost of complications which, it is said, could have been foreseen."

It does not seem that Dr. Lange will bring back the clarifications and reassurances for which he went.

"Norway's position, which was to be finally decided during this visit, becomes instead more and more uncertain. Should she return to the formula she rejected at Oslo on January 30—an agreement with Denmark and Sweden?"

"This formula's failure in conditions rather displeasing to Sweden does not make it easy to start negotiations again."—Reuter.

Crash On RN Carrier

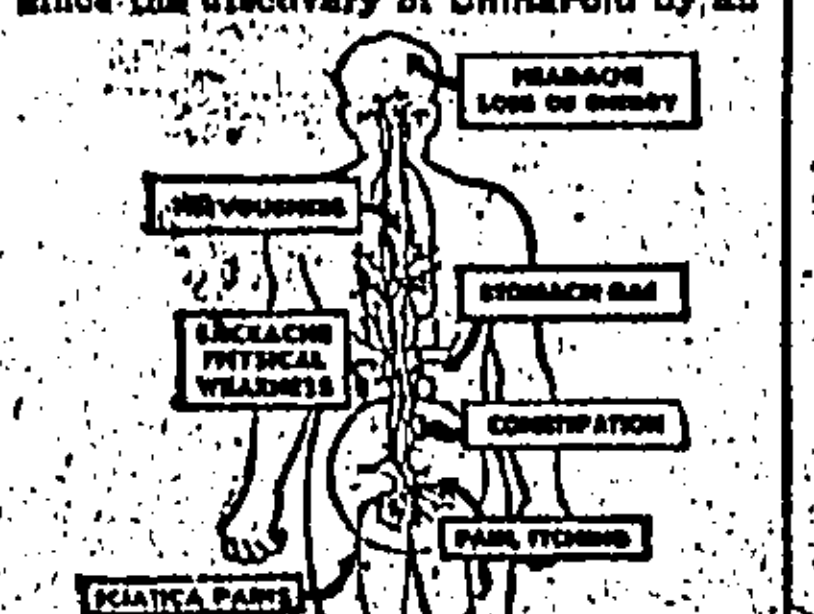
H.M.S. Vengeance, February 11. A twin-seater Firefly plane crashed today while trying to land on the deck of an aircraft carrier with the Royal Navy's Arctic Force.

The pilot, Lieutenant Kerry, and the observer, Lieutenant C.W.H. Gatts, were unhurt. The plane touched down too fast on a pitching deck after several attempts had been made to land.

It missed the arrestor wires and bounced into the crash barrier and the control island, causing superficial damage.—Reuter.

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STALEMATE PERSISTS IN TALKS ON AUSTRIA

London, February 11.

The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers' deputies failed to make progress this morning in discussions on the unagreed military clauses of the Austrian treaty.

There was no further debate on the still unsettled question whether the conference should hear a further Yugoslav statement on frontier and reparations claims against Austria.

The deputies sent to the Drafting Committee Article 28 of the treaty which deals with the disposal of war material in Austria. There is no difference of principle on this. No progress was made in discussions on the crucial Article 27 dealing with the prevention of rearmament. This article contains two unagreed clauses.

The first of these, originally a French proposal with Soviet support, prohibits Austria from carrying on certain types of research and from accumulating stocks of certain industrial raw materials.

This prohibition is designed to prevent Austria from carrying on atomic research. Possession by Austria of atomic weapons or experimenting with atomic weapons is prohibited in an agreed Article (No. 21).

The second unagreed clause is a Soviet proposal forbidding Austria to employ foreign air technicians or on the production of aircraft or maintenance of war material.

Not Ex-enemy

The three Western deputies again maintained that this is not relevant to an article dealing with the prevention of German rearmament. As no similar clause is in the enemy treaties, there is no ground for including it in the Austrian treaty, they said.

Mr. James Marjoribanks, for Britain, and Mr. Samuel Reber, for the United States, said Austria is a liberated and not an ex-enemy country. Mr. George Zorubín, the Soviet deputy, said that at the end of the war the Austrian officer corps numbered 70,000. Austria had 40 institutions for scientific research, and he did not think Austria needed foreign technicians.

Mr. Marjoribanks said Austria is allowed by the treaty to import military equipment and it is illogical to prevent the employment of foreign technical instructors.

The deputies adjourned until Monday.—Reuter.

REPATRIATION OF SERVICES' DEAD

London, February 11.

On a motion for adjournment in the House of Commons today, Mr. C. Royle, Labour, raised the question of the repatriation of the bodies of soldiers who since the war have died from natural causes or accidents overseas.

Soviet Note Backfired

Washington, February 11.

The Foreign Policy Association bulletin, under the headline "Russia's bid to Norway speeds North Atlantic Pact," says today that Moscow's attempt to dissuade Norway from joining the United States in the proposed North Atlantic Alliance strengthened, at least momentarily, the disposition of the Senate to approve the proposed defence pact.

The bulletin added, however: "Whether the present enthusiasm of the Senate will last until it receives the treaty from the President cannot be predicted."

It said that meanwhile the Russian note has done Americans a two-fold service of underlining the major political importance of the proposed pact in world affairs and forcing into the open the issue whether the White House and the State Department are acting on sound assumptions in promoting the North Atlantic Alliance.—United Press

The War Office had ordered that relatives have the right to bring a body back to England provided that they take financial responsibility.

He considers the charges excessive and thinks the war Office should undertake the financial responsibility when parents elect to bring the bodies of their sons home from Germany.

The War Minister, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, replying, said it is the policy to discourage bringing bodies home as if they are repatriated some time after death it revived emotions which it might be desirable to suppress.

The question of concessions in the charges of repatriation is not in the hands of the War Office.

The War Office cannot itself undertake the repatriation of bodies as there are shipping and other difficulties.

If relatives insist on bringing bodies home, the task is undertaken by the Continental Express Company. He is prepared to agree that their charges appear excessive but he had questioned them and tried to see if it is possible to have them reduced.—Reuter.

Regional Alliances Criticised

Lute Success, February 11.

Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, hopes that any regional pacts which various countries may conclude will strengthen, not weaken, the United Nations.

He told reporters he does not wish to comment on any particular regional pact, such as the Western Union or the proposed North Atlantic Alliance.

"Regional arrangements can be a very useful element in building a United Nations system of collective security, provided they recognise the supremacy of the Charter," Mr. Lie said.

"No regional arrangement can ever be a satisfactory substitute for the United Nations."

"If people generally begin to accept alliances as a substitute for genuine worldwide collective security, then the hope of a lasting peace will be greatly endangered."—Reuter.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES SIMPLE BUT SUBTLE

By Iris Ashley



In all the collections of the big London dress designers the keynote has been "controlled elegance."

Most daytime skirts were 12 to 13½ inches from the ground, waists less "pinched" but definitely small, with proportionately slim hips.

Suits had the air of deceptive simplicity achieved by excellent cutting. The jackets are slightly shorter and have a little shoulder padding; the effect is plain, with noticeably good buttons and pockets; often they jut out a little at the back to follow the fullness in back of a slim skirt.

PLEATS are the answer to freedom of movement with a slim silhouette. Printed silk suits, wool suits, and day-time dresses have sun-ray, small knife, and large or small box pleats cunningly arranged at the side or back of the skirts. High-collar effects are used in both day and evening clothes.

FOR EVENING the newest effects are vastly becoming. High at the back with a draped fichu, or else softly framing the neck and shoulders; small sleeves and very low in front, as you see in the drawing. Full soft-flowing skirts, with time and again those graceful sun-ray pleats. Nothing clumsy or bulky at all.

It's quite hard to surprise anyone at these previews. However, the jacket of a neat-looking blue crepe suit being undone to reveal a bare midriff and a flowered silk blouse surprised the daylighters of us. It would sort of surprise

LEFT: A typical suit shown in the new collections, with filled white collar and "plait" fullness at the back. TOP RIGHT: Two sketches, show soft high-collar effect and low front neckline, seen on many day and evening dresses.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Chiffon evening dress shows off the newest lines. Back interest is pointed up by scarf or fichu, small waist, slim hip line, and flowing sun-ray pleats.

CENTRE: The surprise of the shows is sketched here—a bare midriff under a blue crepe suit.

your date at lunch, too, I should think.

The overall colourings are muted. Lots of greys, dark greens, and mauves. Evening dresses of gun-metal or bronze satin were a new note. For materials there were printed silks, heavy rayons (fine for summer suitings), lovely British cottons and the silks, delicately printed satins and taffetas.

Enter too Cordelia!—Apropos the beautiful materials manufactured in Britain, we wonder why one of the Big Ten, showing for overseas buyers, used French rayon material in 21 out of the 60 models shown. They even used one French woolen! This same house made wonderful use of British cottons and Nottingham lace. Too bad they didn't concentrate their genius more entirely on selling British.

Casual Coats

By Janet Martin

A useful member of your wardrobe at this time of the year is the casual coat. It is something not too heavy, which will partner a wool frock now and slip on over light frocks later on.

It is an agreeable coat, chosen because it keeps on good terms with most of your wardrobe. In some versions, it can even rise to evening occasions and do duty with an evening gown. It has been known to go without sleeves and call itself a cape!

The most popular shades for the casual coat are the neutral tints, because they can be worn with so many other colours. Stone, natural, camel, off-white, mocha, have their vogue in turn. But look at your wardrobe with a more imaginative eye, and you will see other possibilities, especially in pastels.

Turquoise, when you come to think of it, will go with an amazing number of quite different colours. It is equally at home with brown, navy, black and wine colours, in fact with almost everything except green.

Pink, in one of the soft, misted tones, is a good choice too, for it can be worn over black, brown, navy, grey and even blackberry, while it will blend with a host of prints and florals later on.

Equally Adaptable

Light yellow, or maize are almost equally adaptable. They can be worn over all the dark shades except wine or plum, and with greens, rusts and many pastels.

Perhaps the smartest of the spring casuals is a striking model in heavy white mayonnaise linen. It is a loose hanging style, straight at the front, with a slightly stiffened flare at the back topped by the new shell yoke. The wide sleeves are three-quarter length, with deep, turned back cuffs. The original, worn over a slim cut black frock, would be quite dramatic over an evening gown.

In ice blue comes a London model again swinging full at the back, but with a detachable half belt which can be buttoned across the back to draw in the fullness to the waist, giving the coat a quite different appearance. This coat has a turnback collar and raglan sleeves which are gathered in at the wrist and finished with pointed cuffs.

Modified Line

The fitted coat, with fitted bodice and flared skirt, is still very much in evidence in the spring collections, but its line is modified to a more natural and less exaggerated silhouette. These coats are more formal than the loose hanging styles, but I must mention one model in fine camel



This brilliant model is in a gay checked tweed. Note the raglan-cut sleeves and the full back. It can be worn without the belt.

hair, which would be ideal for casual wear.

This has the popular rolled back collar and set-in sleeves only slightly padded at the shoulders. The skirt has a straight panel in front, then flares out to sides and back. Putting triangular pockets, let into the seams of the front panels, add a special note of interest.

The "lent" silhouette is a popular choice for this season's casual coat. From sloping shoulders, the lines of the coat widen gradually, but without any obvious flare to the hem. This rather plain line may be relieved most effectively by stitching down the panel seams, by the addition of a scalloped, highwayman collar, or by a pair of outsize saddlebag pockets.

THE CLASSIC SUIT RETURNS

By Melita Spraggs

Return to the classic suit marks the spring collection of Matita of London. Unlike the utilitarian, mannish suit British women have worn for so long, these new suits are gracious, and feminine, while keeping their tailored lines.

Jackets are broadened in the shoulders, but little padding is used. All suits have tailored set-in sleeves. Jacket fronts are rounded usually with long revers, with the first button fastening at waist level or even lower.

Waists are defined but not exaggerated and, unlike recent collections, this one shows little sign of hip emphasis.

Skirts are pencil-slim, with the length stabilised at mid-calf. Any fullness there is, is in the form of flat pleats, placed at one side

or at the back. Often these wide, flat, box-pleated panels appear detached.

Many Matita suits are accompanied by a specially designed blouse which makes an elegant two-piece when the coat is taken off. Some blouses button all down the back and all are close-fitting and tucked into skirts cut with high shaped waist-bands. Sometimes blouses and skirts are welded into one by a soft cummerbund or wide soft belt.

The "Black" Note

An example of this type of three-piece is a model in donkey brown. The blouse is of mimosa crepe; a wide cummerbund of black tulle joins blouse to skirt. The "black" note is further emphasised by the jet buttons of the skirt.

Another suit, in black barthes, also buttoned in jet, has a close-fitting blouse in black crepe which

makes an afternoon frock when worn without the coat. Black barthes is used again for a town suit on which the jacket instead of the skirt shows the new "panel." The jacket, brief, fitted, and pointed like a mess-jacket in front, has a straight, hem-length "tail" at the back over the slim skirt. This suit, too, has a crepe blouse, in black and yellow.

Materials used for other suits include a two-tone grey novelty cord and a fine woolen woven in a "tree-trunk" design. This design, exclusive to the house, appears several times in the collection. Pin-head and bird-eye woolens are also used, some with rainbow dots of pink, yellow, and blue.

Designs in Jersey

New designs in Jersey are used for both suits and dresses. One is a shell-patterned clogie, jersey another in raised chicken's foot designs. A novelty loom jersey

has fine stripes in grey, yellow, and white, and there is a quiet grey-and-white jersey like a miniature draught-board.

Unusual buttons made of jet, steel, bamboo and gun-metal add interest to suits and dresses. Others are of smoked pearl or bone curved into "gold-ball" designs. Suit jackets may be geometrically buttoned in triangles, curves and pyramids.

Suits and coats in light-weight material for the first warm weather of 1949 are included in the collection. Most are made of rayons designed exclusively for Matita.

The heavier rayons are used for tailored suits; the lighter fabrics for simple dresses. One blue and white printed frock has a fitted jacket and slim skirt with a floating panel over one hip. A slim frock of black crepe, with a high waist and a stand-up neckline, has a similar panel giving movement to the back of the skirt.

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Between Ourselves:

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MAIN TRENDS IN NEW FASHIONS

Paris, February 12.

Suppleness and femininity have set the keynote in the opening Paris spring collections for 1949. Gone are the bulky skirts, breathlessly tight waists and flat heeled shoes of the now harsh-looking and old "New Look."

Two main trends seem to have emerged from the displays of Schiaparelli, Fath, Desses, Balenciaga and a dozen other top-flight Paris designers. The first trend is a pencil-slim silhouette with sharp accent on collar, tight bust and slightly rounded hips, often built up with little side pockets. Round waists—13 inches from the floor—skirts complete the elegant and more sophisticated figure.

Straight Theme
Variations on this straight theme include skirt details such as a swinging back, panel sash tied around the hips and draped on one side, and the riding habit form. This new riding habit form, accentuates rounded shoulders. For afternoon and evening, the silhouette is soft and lacy. Wide spiral skirts, accordion-pleated double tiered skirts and full cone skirts mark this trend. These skirts are not evenly full but are varied with either bursts of pleats at the back for a double tier of lace organza giving a garden party or festive look.

Large cartwheel hats go with this afternoon silhouette. With the straight look, however, cloche hats, little round pillboxes worn on the side or sailors slightly tipped, complete the thin line. All hats were worn on back of the head.

Break From Tradition
The usually conservative House of Worth broke from its tradition of displaying a slightly collection of lines and cotton dresses aimed at the 25-year-old group.

According to Worth, "The waist is where it should be."

Many dresses were strapless, with small borders of contrasting shades, for both afternoon and evening wear. Two main trends were featured. One was a tiered effect achieved by a high collar with a capelet and the other in the skirts by a series of ruffled aprons. There was an exaggerated square-necked yoke with built-out corners.

The square, built-out yoke was shown on a simple black faille dress with a small patent leather belt. Sleeves were three-quarter and gathered at the elbow and the skirt was a typically flared cut about 12 inches from the floor. Other collars were high at the neck and large, with a Directoire influence.

For evening, Worth designed many silk jersey dresses, with beading over the midriff.

"Actuality" Dresses

Jacques Heim, one of Paris' leading designers, this week showed a series of what he called "actuality" dresses, simple in cut and unusually low priced—from 18,000 to 30,000 francs—approximately HK\$300 to HK\$500.

They will be half-ready-made—loosely cut which can be whipped into the client's shape in one fitting. The series of a dozen actually dresses included a red and white checked taffeta afternoon dress with a square neck bordered by a ruffle.

Another very pretty dress was of lime and beige wool jersey, with a high Peter Pan collar and a trick cross-button effect down the front. Skirts, to aid quick fitting, were loose and swinging and hung about 13½ inches from the floor.

Heim started off his regular collection by showing his new "virgin white" nylon bra and streamlined skirt. The bra is wired and kept together in front by a loop of wire in V-shape. This permits his new low necklines to plunge without showing the usual bra line in the middle.

Free Swinging Skirts

"Freedom is the watchword," said Heim, and free swinging skirts, loose, boxy jackets and easy kimono sleeves were emphasized throughout.

One very attractive short jacket of yellow, grey and black checked wool had a three-quarter-length loose sleeve with a five-inch cuff, straight front and full, loose, swing back with a wool flange at the bottom. This was worn with a simple grey flannel skirt.

Captain Edward Molyneux, who showed his opening collection on Saturday, dipped back to Louis XV for inspiration. For suits, he chose the large patch pockets of men's clothes in the Louis XV epoch, which he applied on deep baggies and were featured on navy, black and sand-colored tweed morning suits.

On one black day dress, Molyneux made little envelope pockets over stomach and hips, giving a rounded stomach line. For day, he also showed double skirts, one thin, straight skirt underneath with a full pleated or gathered skirt opening in front, over it.

Foot-long panels of matching material with two-inch ruffles around them—also like Louis XV—decorations—were on the skirts of several afternoon garden party dresses. Draped and double panels, similar to the Louis XV style, were used for the afternoon—Quilled Press



A black faille dinner gown by Worth, with underskirt and inset panels of lace applique.



"Dear Mr. Mamak, make-up should be used by women of all ages. What type have medium skin, brown eyes and black hair. Could you please name a nice creamy lipstick I could use that does not crack the lips."

Also what kind of face powder should one use for an oily type of skin? Also a fair type of skin, what sort of lipstick?"

JOAN.

Joan, your inquiry is not quite clear. In the first instance you say you have a medium skin—in the second, you ask what sort of lipstick is suitable for a fair type of skin. Have you a friend in mind?

Again, the cracking of lips suggests a dry skin (though not always) and yet you wish to know what kind of face powder will suit an oily type.

Would you please write in again and tell me exactly whether you are medium or fair—if your skin is dry or oily, and I shall be glad to help.

Also please note that I cannot name any particular lipstick in these columns, but if you care to send me your address, I shall send you the name of the brand of a "creamy" lipstick that I would recommend most.

However, here is a good tip for lips that crack. Apply while

Make-Up Mistakes

By Claudia

To achieve the perfect "natural" make-up really does require a good deal of skill. It must be just right in every respect... neither too light, nor too heavy, neither too dry, nor too moist. And the care with which it is applied is just as important as the choice of colours.

No matter what anxious thought you expend on the selection of your make-up... no matter how much money you spend on it—all are of little avail unless you know how to use them to the very best advantage.

When you try a new shade, a new cream of powder and decided you don't like it, maybe it doesn't suit you... or maybe you are not using it properly.

So here are a few of the main make-up mistakes, taken from a bagful of queries about different kinds of make-up which won't "go on" properly.

Rouge Troubles

Blending rouge on to the skin is a very common difficulty. Liquid rouge is the easiest of all, but cream rouge is the most popular and some makes are dryer than others. They smear, streak, go on

in patches and leave hard edges. But the remedy is quite simple. Just put a tiny trace of cold cream on the cheeks first and you will find that the rouge will blend in perfectly. Sometimes cream rouge blends better on slightly moist cheeks, before the skin tonic has dried. So if you have difficulty with your rouge, try both methods and see which suits you best. One or the other is guaranteed to do the trick.

Many women have been disappointed with liquid foundations because they have not learned how to apply them smoothly and evenly. With almost all makes, the secret is speed. Apply the liquid with the tips of the fingers, tapping on to forehead, cheeks, nose and chin, then blending quickly before the liquid has time to dry. Liquid make-up should be applied in a few seconds all over the face and this can easily be done with a little practice.

If you use cake make-up, the secret of success lies in having exactly the right degree of moisture in your sponge. Too much moisture will result in streaks, too little moisture and the make-up will look thick and clogged. The sponge too, must be kept absolutely clean. Never let it become choked with the make-up cake or you will never get the right finish.

Commonest Mistake

Perhaps the commonest make-up mistake of all is in the use of eyelash cosmetic. To every woman who complains that it makes her lashes stick together in spikes, I would say that the chances are 10 to one that her cosmetic brush is too wet. If you just dip the brush in water, then give it a shake, it certainly is too wet. The brush should be only damp enough to moisten the cake and take up a little of the cosmetic on the tips of the bristles.

The lashes should be made up with two or three separate coatings, each light and fairly dry. Then each lash will be emphasized, not plastered together in spikes. Try this way next time and I am sure you will be pleased with the difference.

Most of us are quite skilled in applying lipstick and do it very well. But a common mistake is to leave it at that, without "setting" the colour so that it does come off on cigarettes, cups or, worst of all, your teeth.

After the lipstick has been applied to your satisfaction, it should be worked in by smoothing with a fingertip. Then take a folded tissue and press it between the lips to remove the surplus—the part that comes off on things. Lastly, pat your lips with a drop or two of cologne.

Choose one or two really good pairs of gloves for best, using fabric ones for shopping and work time. Keep an odd jumper and skirt for wearing around the house. Have a pair of shoe trees for every pair of shoes. Clean leather



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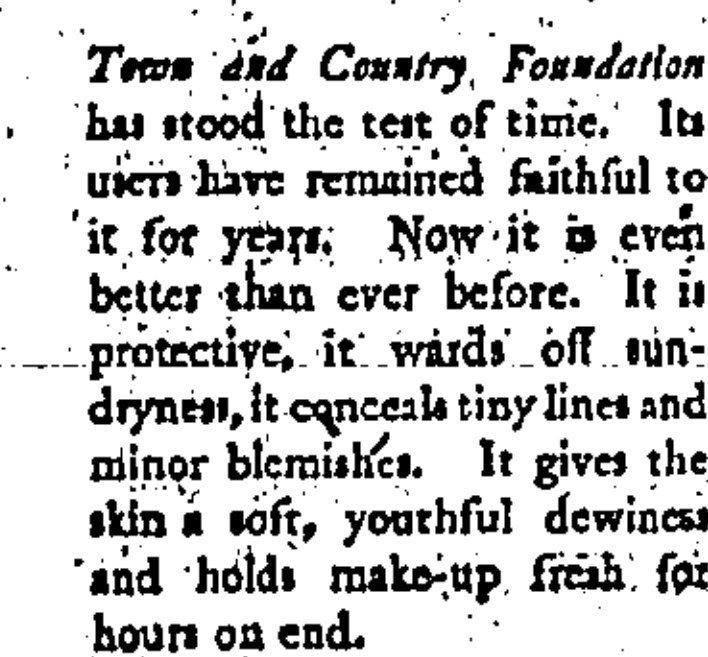
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Scotland's victorious Rugby XV which defeated England by 12 points to three in the final game of the International Series, played at Sookunpoo yesterday. ("Sunday Herald" Photo).



England's Rugby XV which went down to a heavy defeat at the hands of Scotland in the final game of the International Series, played at Sookunpoo yesterday. ("Sunday Herald" Photo).

Scotland Beat England In Rugby International

In a somewhat disappointing final to the International Rugby series at Sookunpoo yesterday, Scotland defeated England by 12 points to three.

As was expected, the Scottish pack, led by Forsgate, played a magnificent game from start to finish.

In the line-outs Alex Taylor, Whitehead and Dalgligh were always prominent whilst in the loose Forsgate, McClement and Annandale were particularly outstanding.

Although the English pack played extremely well, they could never break the Scottish eight's stranglehold.

In the first half England obtained at least 50 per cent of the ball but their backs, probably the strongest in the Colony, would not face the Scottish tackling and continually kicked ahead straight up the field, apparently without method.

On the other hand, the Scottish backs, whom even their most optimistic supporters had hoped would at least be able to hold the English attack continually, when given the ball, upset the English defence with determined running and clever kicking.

Of the English backs Nelson, until injured late in the second half, was their most inspiring attacker.

Amongst their forwards, Carrol and Wright-Neeth were always outstanding.

Neither scrum-half showed any initiative and Lochlan's delivery was both erratic and slow, while Clemo, the English scrum-half continually kicked to touch when he should have been feeding his backs.

England Break Away

Scotland, from the kick-off, returned play to centre but from the ensuing line-out England broke away and careless defensive work by the Scottish left wing and two forwards allowed de Rome to touch down for England to open the scoring within the first minute of the game.

Scotland were finding difficulty in settling down and England continued to press, but their backs were throwing many chances away by weak kicking instead of determined running.

Scotland now came into their own and after two attacks had been held by the English defence, Henderson broke right through and passed to Forsgate, who was backing up. The latter player when challenged, threw out a long pass to Cessford who, after drawing the defence, threw an inside pass to Henderson who threw himself over to open the scoring for Scotland.

This was perhaps the best move of the whole game.

Scotland continued to attack mainly through their forwards and after one such rush several of the forwards fell on the ball to put Scotland three points ahead, the kick failing. Half-time Scotland were leading 6-3.

Scotland Gain

On the resumption Scotland began to pack 3, 2, 4, and almost immediately began to gain the ascendancy in the tight scrums. After a clever forward rush McClement, supported by Forsgate, took the ball over the English line for the former to touch down. The kick again failed.

Scotland continued to attack and their right wing had bad luck on two occasions, losing the touch-down after taking the ball over

Hong Kong Interport XV

The following have been selected to represent Hong Kong in the annual Interport Rugby match against Shanghai next Saturday:

Lochlan, Robinson, Franklin, Henderson, de Rome, Nelson, J. R. Henderson (Captain), Forsgate, McFarran, Carrol, Brown, Bowman, Hutson, Taylor and Warner.

French Cancel Visa For U.S. Newsmen

The local French Consul-General cancelled an American newspaper correspondent's visa for Indo-China yesterday.

Mr. Walter Briggs, special correspondent for the "Christian Science Monitor" and the Chicago "Sun-Times" told the "Sunday Herald" yesterday that the grounds for the cancellation were that he is working "in systematic opposition to the French."

The Consular authorities said, according to Mr. Briggs, that the cancellation was ordered on high authority from Indo-China.

Mr. Briggs said that his visa for Indo-China was originally issued in 1947. After several trips to Indo-China his visa was extended at Shanghai on February 4 this year.

He added that he is writing to his newspapers on the subject and will lodge a complaint through the American Consulate. He also intends to write to the United Nations protesting the breach of the freedom of information pact which France is a signatory.

KASHMIR TRUCE

New Delhi, February 11. The United Nations Kashmir Commission decided at a meeting here today on the preliminary steps for the drafting of a truce agreement between India and Pakistan on Kashmir. It is officially announced.

The Commission also decided to invite Indian representatives to meet the Commission next Monday to present their Government's views on the truce agreement. Reuter.

CEYLON GETS IN

Lake Success, February 11. Ceylon today became the newest member of UNESCO when the Economic and Social Council cast 18 affirmative votes, with two abstentions (Russia and Byelorussia).

The vote came after a 24-hour delay for discussion requested by the Soviet representative. United Press.

Robinson Goes To Town

Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, February 11. The welterweight champion, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, stepped blithely into the ring last night for a non-title fight with Gene Buffalo but suddenly was jolted by a loudspeaker announcement.

Buffalo weighed 145-3/4 lbs.—1-1/4 lbs. under the welterweight limit. So the fight could be conceived as a title bout even though Robinson himself was over limit. "Why, my title is at stake. I'll have to take care of this guy in a hurry," Robinson told his stunned seconds.

The result was: Ray Robinson, 151 lbs of New York, knocked out Gene Buffalo, 145-3/4 lbs of Wilkes Barre in two minutes and 55 seconds of the first round. United Press.

U.S. Coach Wants Jap Swimmers Back

New Haven, Connecticut, February 12. Yale's famous swimming coach, Robert H. Kiphuth, declared today: "It would be stimulating to have the Japanese back in international competition."

Japan, along with Germany, has been excluded from amateur sport ever since the war.

Kiphuth, Yale athletic director, said he may go to Japan at his own expense this summer to renew sports friendships that began long before Pearl Harbor.

"The Japanese want to get back into the International Swimming Federation, and I think they are certain to be accepted before the next Olympic Games," said Kiphuth.

"They have top world-beating swimmers in the middle distances, Hironoshin Furuhachi and Shiro Hashizume."

Kiphuth keeps a close watch on Japanese performances, in a "Consolation Olympics," he pointed out, the Japanese returned a time of 1:50.00 for the 400 metres at London, and in the 1500 metres the time was 41 seconds better.

Kiphuth, by the way, coached the American team that swept the London Games in men's swimming.

May Be Better

"I think the Japanese will be as good as they ever were in swimming in another four years, and may be even better," said Kiphuth.

"The terrific times that Furuhachi and Hashizume have made, probably come from the fact they are trying to redeem national honour. I bet that if Americans were banned from international competition some boys would come along who would make startling records."

"It goes to show that it isn't food that makes an athlete. It is the inner urge, plus work, work and more work. There is no substitute for work."

"The trouble with us is that we have an inclination to overeat. I would rather have an athlete underfed than overfed. If you do enough work and do it intelligently you can compete with anyone in the world." Associated Press.

PURCHASE

Nassau, February 11. Lord Carnarvon, a well-known sportsman, heads an English syndicate which has purchased the Ford Montagu Beach Racing Association.

This body operates the only horse racing in Nassau. The purchase price was not revealed. Reuter.

San Antonio, February 12. Dave Douglas of Wilmington, Delaware, led in the first round of the \$10,000 Texas Open Golf Tournament on Friday with 66, one stroke ahead of Alvin Krueger, Oje Metz, and Al Brash, who tied at 68. Associated Press.

Duplicate Keys For Trucks

Motor-truck owners have been requested to deposit duplicate keys of their vehicles with the Police, the "Sunday Herald" learned yesterday.

Some 3,000 trucks are involved. Object of the request is for the security of the owners, the "Sunday Herald" was told. There is no plan for regulating the vehicles.

With duplicate keys in their possession, the authorities concerned will be able to clear roads of trucks left stranded by drivers in the event of strikes or other disturbances.

British Aid For Burma Questioned

London, February 11. British aid for the Burmese Government in quelling the Karen rebellion is to be questioned in the House of Parliament.

There is growing opposition to the Government's policy of assisting the Rangoon Government with arms and ammunition against the Karens. According to opponents of Government policy, the Karens have served Britain with unwavering loyalty since 1880.

Increased public criticism is also reported, especially among former members of Lord Mountbatten's South East Asia Command.

A typical protest appears in today's weekly Spectator, contributed by Aubrey Saxon, SEAC officer who fought with the Karens in Burma in 1943.

Mr. Saxon writes: "Let us never permit above all that British arms and supplies should be turned against the best friends we ever had in Asia." United Press.

NOTTS' REQUEST

London, February 12. Nottinghamshire is proposing to the Advisory County Cricket Committee that a National Cricket Association be formed incorporating all "first-class" from County clubs to youth organisations.

Notts consider this should be the first step in the national effort to revive cricket and encourage proper technique. Reuter.

Results Of Dart Games

Results of matches played on Friday, February 4:— Senior Mess RNH 5, AC Mess Hankow Road 1. WO's & Sigs Shamshuipo 1, Dockyard Clerkenston 5. WO's & Sigs 25th RA 2, RAF Kai Tak 4. AC Austin Road 6, 88 Sqdn RAF 0. HKCT Unit 1, PO's Tamar 5. CPO's Tamar 4, WO's & Sigs Garrison 2. WO's & Sigs RASC 4, AC Mess Boundary Street 2.

LEAGUE STANDINGS									
Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	Pts	For	Agst	Diff
1	Dockyard	12	10	1	1	20	225	180	45
2	AC Mess	12	8	2	2	16	210	190	20
3	WO's & Sigs	12	7	3	2	14	200	180	20
4	RAF Kai Tak	12	6	4	2	12	190	180	10
5	AC Austin Road	12	5	5	2	10	180	170	10
6	88 Sqdn	12	4	6	2	8	170	160	10
7	HKCT Unit	12	3	7	2	6	160	150	10
8	PO's Tamar	12	2	8	2	4	150	140	10
9	CPO's Tamar	12	1	9	2	2	140	130	10
10	WO's & Sigs RASC	12	0	12	0	0	130	120	10
11	AC Mess	12	0	12	0	0	120	110	10
12	Boundary Street	12	0	12	0	0	110	100	10
13	HKCT Unit	12	0	12	0	0	100	90	10
14	88 Sqdn	12	0	12	0	0	90	80	10
15	Garrison	12	0	12	0	0	80	70	10
16	WO's & Sigs	12	0	12	0	0	70	60	10

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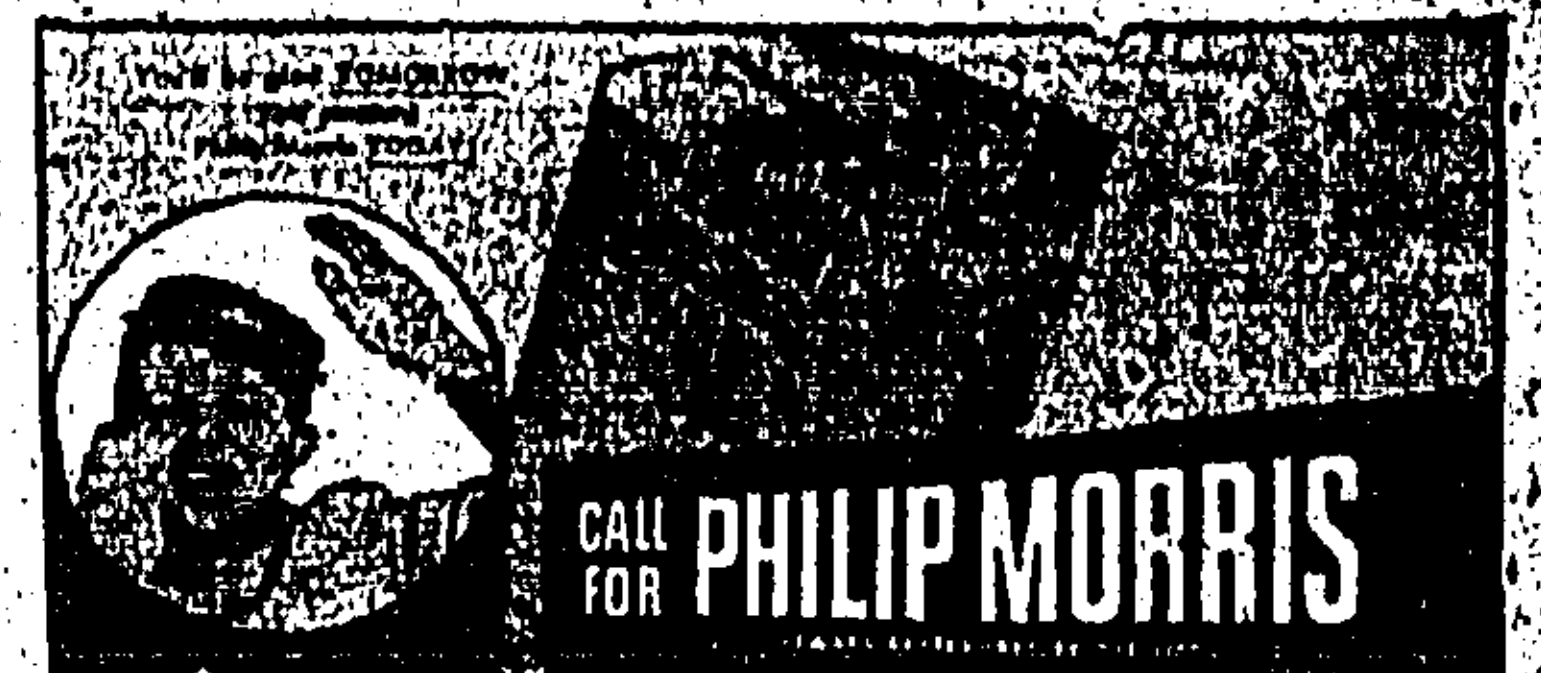


PHOTO FINISH DECIDES MOST EXCITING RACE AT VALLEY

"Rapier" Picks Them Again!

"Rapier" maintained his reputation as one of the best tipsters in the Colony by forecasting the winner in five of the nine races at the Valley yesterday, two of which were not in the favourite category. Flying Dragon in the opening event and Rous d'or in the Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes, second section.

Of the placed ponies, "Rapier" successfully picked nine out of 16, or a 56 per cent success.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, February 12.
The following were the results of football matches played today:

FA CUP—Fifth Round

Brentford	4	Burnley	2
Derby	2	Cardiff	1
Luton	5	Leicester	1
Manchester U.	8	Yeovil	0
Southampton	3	Newport	0
Stoke	0	Hull	2
West Brom.	3	Chelsea	2
Wolves	3	Liverpool	1

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham	0	Everton	0
Blackpool	1	Bolton	0
Cardiff	0	Villa	1

SECOND DIVISION

Leeds	0	Bury	1
Spurs	2	Notts F.	1
West Ham	1	Grimsby	0
Southampton	4	Lincoln	0

THIRD DIVISION (Southern)

Bristol R.	3	Exeter	1
Pulce	2	Port Vale	1
Ipswich	2	Brighton	2
Northampton	0	Walsall	0
Notts C.	0	Southend	0
Reading	3	Orient	0
Torquay	2	Norwich	0

THIRD DIVISION (Northern)

Barrow	1	Chester	1
Bradford C.	2	York	1
Hull	0	Crewe	0
Mansfield	2	N. Brighton	0
Oldham	7	Darlington	0
Rotherham	2	Stockport	1
Tranmere	0	Rochdale	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division "A"

Aberdeen	0	Rangers	2
Albion R.	0	East Fife	0
Celtic	1	Hibernian	0
Falkirk	3	Motherwell	0
Hearts	3	Clyde	0
Partick Th.	4	Dundee	0
Queen's Park	2	Morton	0
St. Mirren	1	Third Lanark	2

Division "B"

Alloa Ath.	2	Dumbarton	4
Ayr United	0	Arbroath	1
Dundee U.	2	Cowdenbeath	1
Dunfermline	3	Kilmarnock	2
Hamilton A.	2	East Stirling	1
Queen's Park	1	Stenhousemuir	0
Rath Rovers	0	Airdrieonians	3
Stirling Alb.	2	St. Johnstone	1

FRIENDLY MATCHES

Bournemouth	2	Manchester C.	4
Charlton	2	Millwall	1
Doncaster	1	Chesham	3
Fulham	1	Preston N.E.	0
Merthyr Tydfil	5	Bristol C.	5
Middelebury	3	Newcastle U.	3
Sheffield W.	2	Sheffield U.	4
Sunderland	5	Blackburn R.	1
Swansea	0	S. Liverpool	1
Swindon	1	Arsenal	4

YACHTING HOPES

London, February 12.
Yachting men are talking of a big revival of the sport arising from a plan put before the Yacht Racing Association for a world yachting festival at Cowes to run with the 1951 Festival of Britain exhibition in London.

Many yacht clubs report rising memberships and increased interest. In 1951 it will be 100 years since the yacht America came for a race around the Isle of Wight, this leading to the Cup races.

Were it not for the recently installed Photo Finish machine, the Judges would have had an exceedingly difficult time in sorting out the winner among the four ponies which passed the winning post practically abreast of each other in the seventh race of the First Extra Races Meeting held yesterday.

The photograph showed Silver Spear (Wong Yan up) a short head in front of Bitter Sweet (Peter Young), next to rails, with Zephyr (W. K. Shieh), next to the winner, a neck behind. The fourth pony was Aeroplane (J. Pote-Hunt).

This was the most exciting race of the afternoon, and Wong Yan thoroughly deserved his victory.

Living third from the lead while rounding the bend into the Home stretch, Silver Spear responded gamely to the whip and, coming out strongly from the outside, snatched what looked like a certain victory for Bitter Sweet, to pay the highest win and place dividends of the day.

Novice rider W. A. N. Darkin appeared to be unable to control Oldishes for going off to a fairly good start from the one-mile post, the pony bore out opposite the paddocks. From the eighth position in a field of 10, Darkin managed to get his pony to the fourth place when, near the Home run, Oldishes again bore out in coming into the Straight, to finish fifth.

Lai Kai-kim made a very auspicious debut as a novice jockey by piloting Mystery to victory in the first section of the Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes. The payoff of \$60.00 was the second best for the afternoon.

The fight between Sportmaster (B. L. Tao) and Araxy (K. Kwok) for third position in the Mrs. Bay Stakes, second section, was so keen that the aid of Photo Finish had to be enlisted before the verdict could be awarded to Sportmaster.

Final Event
In the final event, the Hungham Bay Handicap, second section, Chesterfield (R. K. C. Chui) came up very strongly when opposing the Members Stands, after flying fourth position up to the Home, and then, near the end, he dropped behind the ultimate winner and Cooper (J. Pote-Hunt).

When the winning post was reached it looked as if Chesterfield and Dominio, day decided, but the result, as seen by the Photo Finish eye, was a neck win for Mr. Allen Ng's colours.

After the recent showers, the track was on the soft side, and times clocked were on the whole slow. Contrary to expectations, there were only two or three upsets and no spills.

The Band of the Buffs, under Mr. W. B. Forster, ARCM, entertained the intervals between the races.

Ticket No. 89,924 in the Special Sweep on the second section of the Hungham Bay Handicap, brought \$72,520 to its lucky holder. The second prize of \$20,721 was won by ticket No. 51,623, and the third prize of \$10,561 by ticket No. 55,554.

Following were the detailed results:

Taiwan Bay Stakes

Race 1.—For Australian ponies, Class 9 at \$1,040. Weight 147 lbs. 1 lb. penalty for \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since January 1, 1948.—Limit to penalty 12 lbs. Jockey allowance. One Mile.

1, Flying Dragon, 147, (K.F. Chui); 2, Ailsa, 155, (H. Maltland); 3, Borge, 154, (H.T. Alexander); 4, Mastermind, 149, (J. Pote-Hunt).

Won by five lengths; many lengths.

Time: 1:57.3.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$10.30; Places \$6.00, \$5.50, \$5.70.

DETTING: Ailsa, 154, (H. Maltland), Win 7.75, Place 2.03; Borge, 154, (H.T. Alexander), 1.74, 1.00; Flying Dragon, 147, (K.F. Chui), 2.77, 1.81; Mastermind, 149, (J. Pote-Hunt), 2.25, 1.00; Ailsa, 155, (H. Maltland), 2.25, 1.00; Borge, 154, (H.T. Alexander), 2.25, 1.00; Flying Dragon, 147, (K.F. Chui), 2.25, 1.00; Mastermind, 149, (J. Pote-Hunt), 2.25, 1.00.

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1, Panda, 159, (K.F. Chui); 2, Lily, 153, (S.W. Lee); 3, Lucky Strike, 152, (B.L. Tao); 4, Sun-shine, 149, (J. Pote-Hunt).

Won by three lengths; four lengths.

Time: 1:20.
Pari-Mutuel Win \$12.00; Places \$8.00, \$7.10, \$14.50.

DETTING: Flying Arrow, 145, (W.K. Shieh), Win 22, Place 17; Happy Valley, 146, (K. Kwok), 10, 7; Lily, 153, (S.W. Lee), 1.68, 74; Lucky Strike, 152, (B.L. Tao), 1.82, 1.01; Meteorologist, 142, (T.B. Dai), 4.48, 3.01; Panda, 159, (K.F. Chui), 5.70, 2.43; Pigeon, 148, (R.A. Castro), 2.25, 1.01; Pleasant Valley, 147, (C.L. Gregory), 2.25, 1.01; Shamrock, 149, (A. Ostromoff), 1.10, 72; Sun-shine, 149, (J. Pote-Hunt), 2.25, 1.01; Total Win \$12.00, Places \$8.00, \$7.10, \$14.50.

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DETTING: Ailsa, 154, (H. Maltland), Win 7.75, Place 2.03; Borge, 154, (H.T. Alexander), 1.74, 1.00; Flying Dragon, 147, (K.F. Chui), 2.77, 1.81; Mastermind, 149, (J. Pote-Hunt), 2.25, 1.00; Ailsa, 155, (H. Maltland), 2.25, 1.00; Borge, 154, (H.T. Alexander), 2.25, 1.00; Flying Dragon, 147, (K.F. Chui), 2.25, 1.00; Mastermind, 149, (J. Pote-Hunt), 2.25,